February 1, 1955

~~Dr. Preston Valien~~
Dept. of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Preston:

The Interorganizational Conference made a real contribution I think to the jobs that all of us have to do in the months ahead. I have appreciated your sending the news reports. They have provided an excellent summary of some of the more important ideas that were discussed. Thanks for the opportunity to participate.

The group for which I was a recorder turned all notes over to Mrs. Lillian Hatcher (8000 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). When I left she and Ruby Hurley were working on the committee report which I thought was to be given to the Conference in the final session. Sorry I can't help. I took very few notes in that morning's meeting -- as you know I didn't even get there on time.

I hope that the summary will include the evaluation of programs prepared by the "analysts" in the final afternoon session. That material should be helpful for organizations attempting to relate their work to that of others. I hope there will be an opportunity before too long to talk with you and Bonita about some of the questions which have occurred to me during and since the meeting. Is Fisk going to take the initiative in developing an interorganizational council?

My best wishes to all friends at Fisk and my personal good wishes to you and Bonita.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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February 2, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Milton:

We need the text of the constitutional amendment Louisiana passed in November permitting the state to use police power to maintain segregation in the public schools.

Would you send us same as soon as possible?

Also, would like to have text of the accompanying enabling legislation passed in the last session of the legislature.

Thanks a lot.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 3, 1955

Mr. Malcolm Ross
University Editor
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Mike:

Thanks very much for having the Executive Committee meet on Friday, the eleventh, at the Biscayne Terrace Hotel. I shall be there before one o'clock and will arrive under my own steam.

There are several possibilities about the relationship between the Florida Council on Human Relations (SRC) and the Dade County Council on Community Relations, all of which, of course, would be subject to approval by the DCC Board and members and the FCHR Board and members, but we can discuss these at the meeting at some length so there is better communications between the two groups. Roughly, I see them as these:

1. A local affiliated branch of the FCHR. This would possibly mean that some of the funds set aside for consultant purposes would be available to the DCC - this would probably make more difficult a separate application to the Ford Foundation.

2. There is the possibility that the FCHR might hire a high type secretary-coordinator, rather than an executive director, and would have several district executive secretaries, and funds set aside for executive secretary's salary could be used in this manner.

3. The DCC could be an autonomous local group affiliated with the FCHR and work with it on a cooperative basis.

4. The DCCR could remain a completely autonomous non-affiliated local organization and would cooperate informally with the state group.

It won't be possible to make final arrangements on any of these plans at the Friday meeting but exploring together the possibilities of what might be will help in our understanding of the organizational problems we face and should help, too, in defining the fields of activities of our respective organizations. As a founding board member of the DCC, I have a deep interest in its welfare and believe that some sort of cooperative basis of work with the FCHR would be of assistance to both organizations and th the work involved.

Looking forward to seeing you when I get there.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf

P.S. I have a picture over my desk of a shaggy individual in front of some Venetian blinds with the inscription "G to JC." Remember?

cc: D. Dunlap
C.H. Parrish

Banks was selected from the B'nai B'rith.

February 4, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The conference on February 24th and 25th will be a workshop and naturally will be limited in number. The people invited are not of our selection but were selected by their own denominations. Only the secretaries of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women have been asked to attend.

I do hope that it will be possible to have a similar workshop in every state but there are certainly no funds in sight for any program of this kind. However, the Southern Regional Council has been fed by the ravens and perhaps the ravens will pay the way, at least I'm hoping.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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P.S. Mrs. Banks was selected from the B'nai B'rith.

February 4, 1955

Dr. Harry Giles, Director
Center for Human Relations Studies
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Dr. Giles:

The Kentucky Council for Human Relations (an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council) is establishing contacts with school systems in various parts of Kentucky through a group of highly qualified consultants to the Kentucky Council. This part of the program of the Kentucky Council is under the direction of Dr. C.H. Parrish, Professor of Sociology, University of Louisville, and Dr. Irwin T. Sanders, Professor of Sociology, University of Kentucky.

Both Dr. Sanders and Dr. Parrish will be interested in hearing about the plans for the Workshop in Human Relations under the auspices of the Center for Human Relations Studies at New York University. For your information, I am enclosing a list of the Kentucky consultants. It may be possible in the months ahead through their contacts with communities and school systems in Kentucky to find possible participants for the Workshop. Some of the consultants might also be useful to your consultants in the Workshop. The suggestions of Dr. Parrish and Dr. Sanders on this would be helpful.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city until next week and I am sure he will be able to send you other suggestions in regard to the questions raised in your letter to him of February 2nd. Please do send announcements of the Workshop to Dr. Parrish and Dr. Sanders.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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enclosed:
list of Kentucky consultants
cc: CHP
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MEMORANDUM

February 4, 1955

TO: GSM
FROM: FBR

F. Woods Beckman called on Thursday, February 3rd, and asked our opinion on hiring Mr. Seefer. The question centered around salary. Mr. Seefer agreed to work for a stated sum of "not less than $5,000, nor more than $7,200." I explained to Beckman that anything over $5,000 would have to be raised in the state, and above and beyond the requisite $1800.

Mr. Seefer had been interviewed by Mr. Colston, by Mr. May, by Mrs. Elsie Lewis, and by Mr. Daves. All of whom approved of him and felt that he would make a successful executive secretary.

I told Beckman that the final decision must rest with the state. That our reservations centered primarily around the financial question, but that we had confidence in the sincerity and ability of Seefer, and suggested that Beckman call you at the Cosmos Club Thursday evening for any further comments you might care to make.

February 4, 1955

Mrs. Alton B. Tinney
1051 Glenwood
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Tinney:

Miss Annie Tate Jenkins has already conferred with you about our conference of church women to be held in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th. This letter is to extend further invitation to you and to give you some information.

We would like very much to have a confirmation from you that we might make your reservation in the block of rooms we have at the Biltmore Hotel for our group. You understand that your travel and entertainment will be cared for by the Southern Regional Council.

I trust that we may have a favorable feply from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 4, 1955

Mrs. J.B. Henry
923 Sorrento Road
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Henry:

Miss Annie Tate Jenkins has already conferred with you about our conference of church women to be held in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th. This letter is to extend further invitation to you and to give you some information.

We would like very much to have a confirmation from you that we might make your reservation in the block of rooms we have at the Biltmore Hotel for your group. You understand that your travel and entertainment will be cared for by the Southern Regional Council.

I trust that we may have a favorable reply from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 4, 1955

Mrs. Herbert Stewart
159 South Ninth Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

There will be a meeting of church women of the various denominations of the three faiths held here in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th to find what church women can do to relieve the tensions that are prevalent through our South at this time. As secretary of Christian Social Relations of the North Alabama Conference you are one of those invited to be present. Your transportation and entertainment will be cared for by the Southern Regional Council.

Miss Thelma Stevens, Miss Esther Stamats from the United Church Women, and other leaders will be with us.

I will be in Gadsden on February 9th and will call you and perhaps we can have some time together if it is convenient for you that I might tell you further about this conference. I will be at the home of Reverend Robert Archibald, pastor of the Rainbow Street Church.

Enclosed you will find two letters that will give you some further information.

I hope you will find it entirely convenient to be with us here in Atlanta at this conference of church women.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 4, 1955

Mrs. Hodding Carter
Box 665
Greenville, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Carter:

So far we have no representative of the United Church Women of Mississippi for our conference on February 24th and 25th. Miss Noble states she will be unable to attend. You give us only a possible promise. I would appreciate it if you would give me the name of the Christian Social Relations secretary. I am enclosing a postal card for your reply.

Still hoping you will be able to attend, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 4, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Ashley
1611 Drake
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

I regret that I did not make it very clear to you that your expenses of travel and entertainment would be paid by the Southern Regional Council. Attached you will find a sheet that gives you some information. The hotel is the Biltmore which is just a few steps from the All Saints Episcopal Church where we will be meeting.

I'm delighted that you are coming and I'm sure Miss Stamats will be also. With every good wish to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 4, 1955

Mrs. Van Enloe
2570 Coronet Way, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Enloe:

We will have a conference of church women leaders here in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th (see sheets enclosed). These church women are coming from the Southern states and are selected by their denominational boards. Miss Annie Tate Jenkins has suggested you to be one from Georgia to represent the Presbyterian women. Miss Jenkins and Dr. Calhoun both will be with us.

Hoping you will find it entirely convenient to be with us, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 4, 1955

Mrs. James O. Cobb
241 Brown Avenue
Smyrna, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

We will have a conference of church women leaders here in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th (see sheets enclosed). These church women are coming from the Southern states and are selected by their denominational boards. Miss Annie Tate Jenkins has suggested you to be one from Georgia to represent the Presbyterian women. Miss Jenkins and Dr. Calhoun both will be with us.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 4, 1955

Mrs. E.E. Deen
206 32nd Avenue
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Deen:

I am just back from Charlotte. While there your Mississippi Conference delegates told me that you had been selected by them to be the representative at the meeting of church women here in Atlanta, February 24th and 25th. I want you to know that I am delighted that you are coming. Enclosed you will find a sheet which will give you the information that you need. Your hotel reservation will be at the Biltmore, just a few steps away from All Saints Episcopal Church where we will meet. I suppose they told you that your expenses would be carried by the Southern Regional Council.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 4, 1955

Mr. Robert Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building - Room 206
S. Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter and order for materials on consignment. By now the materials -- with a few exceptions not in stock -- will be on their way to you. Keep them until you feel there is little further possibility of their sale; then return the unsold copies to us and they will be credited to your consignment account. There is no rigid time limit.

Please don't feel under any compulsion to make a special effort on the Tuscaloosa affair. I will cheerfully accept your judgment of the importance or non-importance of the incident. It certainly seems to have attracted no continuing attention by the press.

I hope your meeting of February 8th will be a large success. The New South reader that I may have mentioned to you earlier will be off the press today, and if possible we will send you a modest supply on consignment in time for you to display them at the meeting.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

February 4, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 S. Forty-Sixth St.
Philadelphia 43, Pa.

Dear Frank:

Here is a copy of the booklet we discussed on the phone a few minutes ago. This is the New South version, bearing the masthead on the back cover. However, for general distribution we will have several thousand copies without the New South masthead, to be delivered Monday. As you will see, we were trying to squeeze as much as possible into 116 pages; hence the tight typography and layout. I think, though, that it is still fairly readable.

I am sending several copies to Dave Freeman in New York, and I hope to have secured and read Lillian Smith's book by Monday. If so I will probably give you a ring. Best regards.

3 copies
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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

enclosure:
Changing Patterns in the New South

February 4, 1955

MEMO TO: Central Staff
FROM: HCF
RE: Visit from FOA representative concerning foreign visitors.

Mrs. Alden R. Crocker of the Foreign Operations Administration, 806 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C., visited the office on February 1st. Her assignment is to review suitable contacts for foreign visitors and foreign students coming to this country under the auspices of the FOA, the Defense Department, the State Department, and perhaps one other government department.

Atlanta is one of 18 most visited cities with which she is concerned. Ideally, these agencies would like to see formed a super-organization in each place, equipped to serve as a single contact point and clearing house for foreign visitors coming to that locality. Mrs. Crocker understands that this may not be immediately feasible in the Atlanta area. However, she was most interested to learn of our role in this field and of our hopes of more resources to do the job. She asked to be kept informed of our activities anent foreign visitors, and meanwhile she is listing the SRC as one of several contacts in Atlanta to be used by "project managers" scheduling foreign visitor travel. I told her we were happy to serve short of being swamped under.

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February 7, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bradley
Community Relations
Child Study Association of America
132 East Seventy-Fourth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

You are very kind to give me an official invite. I don't get to New York often, but I am horrified each time by what a few winks in a hotel come to. So, at some proximate time you may well find me letting you know ahead and asking you if I may stay at the Bradleys.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 7, 1955

AIR MAIL

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

I have been out all last week and I am only just back to your kind letter of February 2nd. I could be in Bloomington either March 8th or 18th. And I could tarry after either of those days. I could be in Bloomington March 14th, but in the course of the next day would have to get myself over to Cincinnati.

You pick any of these days that will work and let me know and I will turn up.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. YW sponsorship a fine idea. They are good friends of ours everywhere.

February 7, 1955

Father L.J. Twomey
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Father Twoney:

On February 24th and 25th, we are having a conference here in Atlanta of church women leaders of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. I would like very much to have one hundred copies of your leaflet "The Church and Race Relations in the South" for distribution to the women in attendance. I hope it is entirely possible for you to furnish these for us.

I would like to get them at an early date that we might make up the packets of materials to be used.

I glory in the progress the Catholic Church is making in integrating its own schools. Here's hoping the rest of the churches may follow suit shortly. With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 7, 1955

Mrs. S.A. Harvey
15 Riverside Drive
Charlotte, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

We have just learned from Miss Gillespie that you are taking her place as Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women of South Carolina.

We are having our conference here of church women leaders on February 24th and 25th to find a program of action that will ease the tensions of our South under the Supreme Court decision and pave the way for its acceptance.

Miss Stamats, secretary of the United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, will be with us, so we are anxious to have the state chairmen of Christian Social Relations share in this conference. Therefore, we are asking you to be with us.

The conference opens at one o'clock on February 24th and closes at three o'clock on the 25th. We are in position to pay your travel and entertainment. The sessions will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church and we have a block of rooms in the Biltmore Hotel for those in attendance. Enclosed you will find a sheet with further information.

I'd appreciate it very much if you would reply at once. Hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 7, 1955

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Hotel Russel Erskine
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Miss Gillespie:

You have certainly given me a problem. I suggest this solution -- that you stop by Atlanta and attend on your way home (I suppose your own travel expense of some other organization) and then we'll use the money we have to bring your new chairman of Christian Social Relations to Atlanta. This sounds very cheap but money is very limited for this conference.

I hope you can find it possible to be with us as your experience of chairman of Christian Social Relations will be a help to us. Please let me hear from you now.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 7, 1955

Mrs. Paul Renz
1641 Pinehurst Dr., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Renz:

There is to be a conference of church women of the three faiths in the various denominations in the South on February 24th and 25th at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta. (See enclosed sheet for further information.)

Neither Mrs. Moose, your southwide president, nor Mrs. Poole, your state president, can be with us. We most certainly do want the Lutheran Church represented, so we are asking you, if possible, to be with us and work with us on the problems that face us in the South. You may have already heard from Mrs. Poole, if so, this is to add our invitation.

We hope you may be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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P.S. I would appreciate it if you would advise me at once.

February 7, 1955

Mrs. Pichegru Woolfolk
497 Echota Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Woolfolk:

On February 24th and 25th, beginning at 1:00 o'clock on the 24th and closing at 3:00 o'clock on the 25th, we will have a conference of church women leaders of the three faiths and both races at your church. We would like very much to have you join us in this conference as president of your women's auxiliary.

We are giving no publicity to this meeting as it is a serious meeting concerned about the tensions in the South following the Supreme Court decision on segregated schools. The purpose of the meeting is to find ways in which we, as church women, can ease these tensions.

It is well that we're meeting at an Episcopal Church and meeting during Lent, for the Episcopal Church has always taken the lead and is doing so now in its stand on racial matters and really has the best interpretation of Lent. We hope to come out of this conference not only with a program of action but with a deep spiritual power.

Hoping you will find it convenient to be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

MET/rnf

February 7, 1955

Mrs. Durand Miller
Chipley, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Enclosed you will find a sheet that will give you further information about our conference on the 24th and 25th of February.

The hotel will be the Biltmore. Please advise me if you wish a reservation.

If you have any suggestions for the conference, I'd appreciate it if you would give them to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 7, 1955

Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson
Box 280
Laurens, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I was delighted that you did not find your husband seriously ill and I hope here this he has recovered. Your report at Charlotte gave me quite a thrill.

It is good that you will be with us on the 24th and 25th. Because of the lack of funds, I am bringing people together only from the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina. These states, as you know, are the ones most disturbed and have taken the most drastic action following the Supreme Court decision. I understand that Mrs. Henry Smith of Tennessee is on your Jurisdiction Committee and is the only one not included in the states listed, therefore we have sent her an invitation so that you might have your meeting with your committee. I regret I have no funds for her travel or her entertainment.

The hotel is the Biltmore, a few steps from All Saints Episcopal Church where we will be meeting. Enclosed you will find a sheet that will give you further information.

In the meantime, I would like very much to have you give suggestions for this conference and what you think should come out of it. I'd appreciate it if you would let me have this as soon as possible.

Delighted that you are going to be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 7, 1955

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
"Rip Raps"
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Harold put together the best that had been in New South.

I add this word of praise for your item. So neatly suitable to end it.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South sent under separate cover this date.

cc: HCF ✓

February 7, 1955

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cc: HCF

February 7, 1955

Mrs. J.I. Alford
Covington, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alford:

Mrs. George Martin, president of your Woman's Missionary Union, has talked with you about our conference of church women here in Atlanta, on February 24th and 25th.

This letter is to extend further invitation to you and to give you some information. We are enclosing two sheets that will give you further information about the conference.

We hope you will find it entirely convenient to be with us as we certainly do need the help and thinking of your Missionary Union.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . . .

February 7, 1955

TO: Staff

Anna Holden's title has been changed this date from "Research Assistant" to "Information Assistant."

February 7, 1955

Dr. Rufus Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I called you for several days only to find you were out of town and now I will be leaving myself -- hence, this letter rather than a telephone conversation.

On February 24th and 25th there will be a conference of church women of the three faiths from the Southern states where tensions are the highest over the Supreme Court decision. The meetings will be held at All Saints Church in Atlanta. At the evening session, 7:30 on the 24th, would it be possible for you to be with us and talk to us about your experiences on the school board of Atlanta? I believe one way in which church women can help in integration is to work for Negro membership on the school boards. Bishop Shaw has appointed Mrs. Clement to represent the AME Zion Church and it would be nice to have both of you there together. We will meet in the parrish house.

Please phone if you find it possible to accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

February 7, 1955

Mr. Robert C. L. George
The Council Against Discrimination
of Greater Chicago
187 North La Salle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. George:

The title suits me exactly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 7, 1955

TO: GTH

Would you and Anna Holden advise the dispatch of any of these to our state people; or a simple listing in the bulletin or what?

encl. equal job opportunities brochures

PAID THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 2/7/55

Mrs. Ellsworth Blackwell
6932 Prarie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

AT YOUR SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 6TH. WRITE DETAILS WHERE AND WHEN.

George S. Mitchell

February 7, 1955

Mr. David Scull
Annandale,
Virginia

Dear Dave:

I promised to send you a set of our Memoranda to state organizations. Coming up separately.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Memos 1 through 11, under separate cover this date.

February 7, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Walker
7 Russell Road
Hampton, Virginia

Dear The Walkers:

That was as kind of the three of you as could be to come clear across the water to the Norfolk meeting the other day.

Fine young fellow coming along. Deeper and livelier roots than he knows he has; I guess they will pour in the sap in later years.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 7, 1955

Southern Education Reporting Service
P.O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Because of the seriousness of the tensions of the South following the Supreme Court decision, we are bringing to Atlanta the church women leaders of the various Protestant denominations, of the Catholic and Jewish faiths, and of the YWCA, on February 24th and 25th. The purpose of this conference is for the church women to find a common program of action to ease the tensions and pave the way for integration.

I would like very much to have one hundred copies of your February 3rd issue of Southern School News for distribution to them. Also please advise me if I may announce to these leaders that they may be put on your mailing list upon their request.

Deeply appreciative of the splendid work you are doing through your Southern School News, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mr. P. F. Ayer
Executive Secretary
Council of Southern Mountain Workers
Box 2000
College Station
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ayer:

I wish I could get up to the Conference of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers, but I just don't think I can work it in. I have put February 18th down on my calendar as a date to try to be there, but I don't guarantee to make it.

The enclosed issue of New South has a special message for everybody at the meeting.

If you would like to get fifty or so for distribution, I think they could be sent to you if the Council of Southern Mountain Workers could scare up $5.00. Or maybe some consignment arrangement could be worked out. Really, your people ought to read this one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - October, 1954, issue of New South.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

TO: FBR

Nobody answered the last paragraph of Mantinband's letter. Won't you give him an answer.

GSM

GSM/eab
Encl - ltr From Rabbi Mantinband dtd 1/26/55

Did so
FBR

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

Very nice to get back from a week of being at Virginia and Washington and Detroit and finding your letter of January 28th. Meanwhile, in the Washington visit I made another X-mark on my private list for St. Peter's Clavar House. There I found one of your friends busy above a great pot of kale, and a hungry, shivery, crowd on the sidewalk wishing the time for dinner would come.

Portland, Oregon I will never get to, but Chicago I should. Where are they in Chicago?

Most interesting minutes of the Stores Committee meeting. I do think that they could get somewhere if they would put the rules out in print.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mrs. Fara M. Darland
Arizona State Federation of Labor
512 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Darland:

That is awfully nice news! I was hoping that it would come through, and here it came.

I have marked my calendar to be at Flagstaff, Arizona from Sunday evening August 21st through Saturday afternoon, August 27th.

I will try to bone up on the "Wetback" business. I have a close friend in Denver who knows a mischief of a lot about it governmentwise, and I will stop and talk to him on the way out to Arizona and try to pick up some ideas of what can be done in Mexico and for the Mexican people.

How very nice of you all to put out $100 and expenses. I will promise to keep the expenses down to a minimum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mrs. Betty I. Davis
School of Social Work
Richmond Professional Institute
of the College of William and Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I got mixed up on what I was to send you. I forgot that it was the speech for the Virginia Conference of Social Work, and thought I was to send you what I was to do for the Forum on the 25th.

So you had better leave me that carefully Virginia'd speech for the Forum on the 25th.

I guess what I will do on the 26th is talk about that bottle of goo and how to open it. But I think you ought to have a longer outline. Tell me a little more about the occasion and I will try to scratch an outline together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mrs. Clara West
1203 Spring Street
Perry, Georgia

Dear Mrs. West:

'Tis not perfectly easy, but I would greatly like to be with you at Tuskegee Institute on April 28th, and have put it down on my calendar to be there for at least the morning of April 28th.

I assume that the Association will find my (modest) expenses for getting from Atlanta to Tuskegee and back.

I think I have things to say to the meeting, and I appreciate the invitation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Miss Thelma W. Babbitt
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Babbitt:

When I got back I saw that my secretary had promptly and rightly answered your kind inquiry of January 31st. We believe in the Job Opportunities program and want to help you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma Stevens:

So far as I am concerned the Methodist Women have but to beckon and I appear. I don't know where the Seminar is going to be, but I have marked August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, on my calendar and will hold them until you are here and we can agree on what and how and when and where.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mr. Joseph A. Hall
Executive Secretary
Urban League of Greater Cincinnati
312 West Ninth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hall:

All still straight, and I am going to show March 15th before 6:00 at the Gibson Roof Garden. I tell people that the U.S.A. phase of the world-wide change in the status of sometime oppressed peoples is local community recognition of equal human dignity, and that putting the schools together is just an (major) incident in providing that recognition. And I will certainly bear down on Cincinnati which is a kind of home town of mine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Mrs. S.A. Harvey
15 Riverside Drive
Charleston, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

We have just learned from Miss Gillespie that you are taking her place as Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women of South Carolina.

We are having our conference here of church women leaders on February 24th and 25th to find a program of action that will ease the tensions of our South under the Supreme Court decision and pave the way for its acceptance.

Miss Stamats, secretary of the United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, will be with us, so we are anxious to have the state chairmen of Christian Social Relations share in this conference. Therefore, we are asking you to be with us.

The conference opens at one o'clock on February 24th and closes at three o'clock on the 25th. We are in position to pay your travel and entertainment. The sessions will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church and we have a block of rooms in the Biltmore Hotel for those in attendance. Enclosed you will find a sheet with further information.

I'd appreciate it very much if you would reply at once. Hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 8, 1955

Dr. John J. O'Connor
5115 Moorland Lane
Bethesda 14, Md.

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

I would like to thank you for reviewing and adding to our list of desegregating colleges and universitie several months back.

A somewhat cramped form of the enclosed list will appear in our February NEW SOUTH.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

February 8, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Division of the SRC, Inc.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

It certainly meets with our approval for y'all to supplement the service of Mrs. Oglesby with additional secretarial help, or also with additional professional consultant help; so long, of course, as you stay within the proposed budget, or provide for the raising of additional sums. *

Regarding the Fisk Conference being subsidized, I know very little about this and suggest that you write to Dr. Johnson or Dr. Valien and ask them for particulars. If you are asked to pay for meals and lodging, they should be paid out of your travel budget for this was a professional meeting which you attended on Council business.

Change in letter FBR.

Certainly being with you at the conference was enjoyable and I think that the conference itself was quite worthwhile.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Development

FBR/rnf
cc: Foster
CHP

* needs central office approval as to whom is hired, prior to agreement with consultants.

February 8, 1955

Father Albert S. Foley, S.M., Ph.D.
Department of Social Sciences
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill Station
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

As things now stand I shall be in Mobile to speak with your group on Monday, the 28th of February. There will be no cost involved for I will be on a return hop from New Orleans and will pause in flight at Mobile. If there is any specific topic you would like me to handle, please let me know. Otherwise, I will plan on speaking on developments in the South in the past ten years and more particularly the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Have you thought of using Bob Hughes as a panelist for your workshop group, explaining the work of the Alabama Council on Human Relations and its possibilities and potentialities for assisting Alabama and Mobile in adjusting to the problems that we all face.

Trusting that this date will not be inconvenient to you and that I can be of service to your group, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
cc: RHughes

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Bea:

How very kind that was of you. No great long begging letter; no budgets; no audits; no justifications. Just interest and helpfulness.

The matter goes along about as well as I had hoped. We now have staffed organizations, mostly called Councils on Human Relations, for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Kentucky. We have got shows, but as yet no staff, in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Florida. And I am helping Virginia set one up this month I hope.

The first job of each one will be to help where it can toward getting the schools open. It is a delight to see people in each state eagerly, but sanely, taking up that tough job.

Both the Marshall Field and the Doris Duke Foundations chipped in to enable us to do a better job with New South. The results appear somewhat in what I send you separately, and will come along in the February and later issues.

While many things don't look too favorable, it seems to me that the broad outlook is not too bad. Only four states acted up. The rest intend to live with and build to the law. And that will carry the four actors-up along, belatedly.

I will be up there sometime and we must all get together.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Changing Patterns in the New South sent under separate cover.

February 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

In your letter of January 24th to Dr. Mitchell, you mentioned in Point Seven that you were pleased at how well the North Carolina Council was moving forward, particularly in the revision of their by-laws. We believe that we are fortunate in having Harry Jones as our Executive Secretary in North Carolina. He is a well qualified and experienced professional in the field of human relations and a man who is dedicated to improving human relations in all of their many facets. One of the great tasks which he faces at this time is the strengthening of the North Carolina Board of Directors, and there is a committee working on this problem at the present time. It would be helpful to him and to that committee if you would have any names to suggest as potential members of the North Carolina Council.

I am going to spend the next week, roughly, helping the Florida group strengthen its organizational ties with its membership and other similar local groups in the state. We also have planned a trip to Richmond to help get that organization off the ground. The latter part of the month I will make a swing through Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, and attend several state executive committee meetings and assist program committees in planning their activities in the next few months.

I look forward to seeing you at the executive committee meeting on the 18th as I shall probably fly back to Atlanta from Jacksonville, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program

FBR/rnf
cc: HST

February 8, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on
Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Rm. 209
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

May we request a few more copies of your "Proposed Program for 1955" to keep in our files? About three or four would do.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Rae Fiszman
Secretary

February 8, 1955

Mr. Edward Darling, Sales Manager
The Beacon Press
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Mr. Darling:

We appreciate your sending us your spring catalogue announcing "The Citizen's Guide to Desegregation," "Prejudice and Your Child," and "Fraternities Without Brotherhood."

We would appreciate having advance copies of all three of these, and will call attention to them in the monthly publication of the Southern Regional Council, New South. After having had an opportunity to examine these, we may wish to request that advance copies be sent to our state directors and/or community consultants who are at work in our affiliated organizations throughout the region.

We sincerely appreciate your calling our attention to these resources which sound so timely.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

February 8, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi:

On the question of formally incorporating the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, I would say this. In several of the states it is necessary to have a charter and papers of incorporation to obtain approval for tax exemption. Further, it gives you legal status and protection as individuals who are members of the corporation. The group in Florida is proceeding with incorporation. We would appreciate it if you would send us any charter that is drawn up prior to its submission to the local court for incorporation. Further, you should have legal counsel in the preparation of the charter and the papers of incorporation.

You will recall that when we talked on the phone that morning about the question of an honorary president, we also discussed the possibilities of the Mississippi group retaining three white consultants to work on a parttime basis with Mrs. Lyells, and that I said I thought it was a good idea at that time. Further, they should be carefully chosen and interviewed prior to any arrangement by your Personnel Committee. Furthermore, before final arrangements are made they should be approved by the central office. I will be out in Mississippi the end of this month and could be in either Jackson or Hattiesburg on Thursday, the 24th of February and would be glad to speak to any group you might have assembled. Wherever the meeting is held Mrs. Lyells should be asked to come down so that we may sit with a few people and talk over possibilities of program for the Mississippi group. The following day I must be out in Little Rock, Arkansas. Please let me know as soon as possible where you would like me to come and what you would like me to do.

Very best regards to you and little Mom.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
cc: CHP
Mrs Lyells

February 8, 1955

Mrs. H.B. Trimble
Box 725
Emory Univ., Ga.

Dear Mattie:

California is too long a way from Atlanta for me to call you.

I hope the newcomer has arrived and you will be back home by the 24th and 25th of this month to represent the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Georgia Conference in the absence of Mary Colley.

The two sheets enclosed give you the information you will need.

Love and thanks,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 8, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
N.A.A.C.P.
624 Masonic Temple Bldg.
1630 4th Avenue, N.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

This is to confirm our conversation in Nashville.

I will be at the Tutwyler Hotel on the 10th of February and if there are any changes in our schedule for the evening you may call me there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 8, 1955

Mrs. J.D. Conwell
1649 Eighth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Conwell:

I will be in Birmingham at the Tutwyler Hotel on February 10th.

I would like so much to see you, if you could find it convenient to come to the hotel about 2:00 p.m. or later that we might discuss the conference of church women to be held in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th.

I hope I may see you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 8, 1955

Mrs. Emanuel Greenberg
4 Montevallo Terrace
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Greenberg:

I will be in Birmingham at the Tutwyler Hotel on February 10th.

I would like so much to see you, if you could find it convenient to come to the hotel about 2:00 p.m. or later that we might discuss the conference of church women to be held in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th.

I hope I may see you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 8, 1955

Mrs. Alfred Hobart
Box 9036
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hobart:

I will be in Birmingham at the Tutwyler Hotel on February 10th. I would like so much to see you, if you would find it convenient to come to the hotel about 2:00 p.m. or later that we might discuss the conference of church women to be held in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th.

I hope I may see you.

Sihcerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

February 8, 1955

Mrs. Wm. W.M. Henry, Dir.
National Congress of Colored Parents
and Teachers
123 South Queen Street
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Henry:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 2nd inviting me to participate in a workshop session on Monday, June 20th, in San Antonio, Texas. I shall be pleased to attend this session and to speak on the subject, "Steps to Meet Pressing Problems," which I assume will deal specifically with the problem of desegregation and integration in the public schools. I will, of course, be glad to serve as a consultant on that topic for that day.

The financial responsibility for this service will be cost of transportation to San Antonio and return to Atlanta. The most reasonable method of transportation is night air coach and I shall be pleased to use this method. If it is possible to find any additional funds, a modest honorarium for the Southern Regional Council would be appreciated but my services are available, of course, without the honorarium.

May I suggest that your Texas organization (which will be acting, no doubt, as host to the convention) contact our Executive Secretary for our Texas Commission on Race Relations: Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, 309 West 21st Street, Austin, Texas. I believe you will find him to be of service to you in many ways and he will be glad to offer you his full cooperation.

Mrs. Charles Williams, your president, has long been a good friend of mine. I taught at the University of Miami in the Department of Human Relations and knew her down home on several different university projects and committees. I also had the pleasure of being a fellow graduate student with her at the Center for Human Relations Studies, New York University.

Thank you very much for asking me to participate in this workshop and I shall look forward to seeing you in Texas if opportunity for our meeting does not present itself prior to that.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
cc: Sutherland
Mrs Williams

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

In all the multiplicity of things we are asking poor thee to do, slip not on getting some notice to the membership of the Nominating Committee that they are begged to be at the February 22nd meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mr. William Ellyson, Jr.
Director of Public Relations
Miller and Rhoads, Inc.
Richmond 17, Virginia

Dear Bill:

How very kind indeed that was of Miller and Rhoads to send us the $200.

I have thought of Miller and Rhoads kind willingness to help as something we might ask for in desperate plights. And last year as a matter of fact we weren't strained to meet our week to week expenses. But this year we are going to be rather hard put to it to fetch enough to match what we are required to match. So the $200 makes a good resounding plunk as it goes into the pot. We are having to raise a little over $40,000, which is more than we have done before.

Last April our long efforts to interest the Fund for the Republic in a substantial grant to the Council succeeded. They sent us $240,000 as the first of three annual contributions (sharply diminishing!) to enable us to get going in each of a dozen Southern states race relations agencies with paid staff. We have got them going in most of the states and should bring in the last few, Arkansas, Florida, and Virginia, in the next few weeks. I met with a group of Virginia people on February 1st, and shall be back again February 22nd.

Most of the states are making sound and praiseworthy plans. We are not supposing that the job we have to do is easy, but we do find surprising numbers of people of good will about.

I will come to see you and Louise the next time I can be up there with a car.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 9, 1955

TO: KS

This amounts to an expense account for Mrs. Arnold Strauss at 7438 Flicker Point, Algonquin Park, Norfolk, Virginia, for attendance at the organizing meeting in Richmond, February 1st. It has not been paid and should now be paid.

I hope that you or Ruth Alexander will write a little note to Mrs. Strauss and thank her.

Encl: Cd from Mrs. Strauss dtd 2/6/55

February 9, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Warm thanks for the note of action about the letter from the engineer in Kingsport.

But the copy of his letter got left out.

If it will come on down, we will proceed with energy and appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 9, 1955

Mrs. J. H. Dalton
729 Northeast Eighteenth Street
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Dalton:

Margaret Dagen wrote us that you are working at good causes in the Oklahoma City area.

I would like you to have two of our recent publications which could be helpful to you and to others thereabouts. They come along separately.

The Southern Regional Council considers Oklahoma to be within its territory, but we think Oklahoma is strong enough to do the needful, and we are so far away that we have never felt that we could influence the state much. But we do have O. D. Duncan at Oklahoma A. & M. as a Board member of the Southern Regional Council. And we have nine or ten members in the state.

Personally, I look often to Jimmy Stewart in Oklahoma City for understanding support.

We would like to be friendly with whatever you do, and would be helpful in any way that you can see that we can be so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover This Date:
1. Changing Patterns in the New South
2. [redacted]

cc: Margaret Dagen

Air Mail Special February 9, 1955

Miss Alice M. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

In my letter of February 8th, I said in the second paragraph:

> "Regarding the Fisk Conference being subsidized, I know very little about this and suggest that you write to Dr. Johnson or Dr. Valien and ask them for particulars. If you are asked to pay for meals and lodging, they should be paid out of your travel budget for this was a professional meeting which you attended on Council business."

After talking with George Mitchell, we have decided that it would be unwise to write either Dr. Johnson or Dr. Valien and that the question of paying for meals and lodging should be allowed to ride. They were paid for apparently by Fisk and it might be embarrassing to offer to pay them. Therefore please strike out and disregard the entire second paragraph.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

February 9, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Linville Falls, North Carolina, has a total of maybe 14 houses, including the postoffice shack. So, if you send a letter to Marion Wright, Linville Falls, North Carolina, it gets there.

If you need emergency communication with him, it can be attempted by calling Spruce Pine, North Carolina, Poplar 5-2569. That gets you the country store. When and if it suits them they send a quarter of a mile down the road for Mr. Wright, if at home, to come to the phone.

I think the nearest telegraph point would be Marion, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

CHP: If you can make this meeting it would probably help considerably. Let's hope it can be on the Saturday so it will be possible for you to attend.

February 9, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Dir.
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milt:

I am making the swing through the Western part of the South on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, February 24-28, and must be in the following places at the times noted:

Feb. 24th -- Jackson, Miss.
Feb. 25th -- Little Rock, Ark.
Feb. 28th -- Mobile, Ala.

Would it be possible for y'all to hold the Baton Rouge district meeting on Saturday, the 26th. It might be remotely possible for me to be there on Thursday, the 24th, and then fly from there up to Mississippi for their meeting depending upon the times scheduled -- I have not yet been informed of the time of the Mississippi meeting.

I think you were wise in having George Mitchell speak to you for the statewide annual meeting and the idea of having Marion Wright as the guest speaker for the New Orleans group sounds constructive, too. I would suggest that along with these two, in each case you seek some outstanding local person who is sympathetic to the cause to also speak. I believe that while speeches are one means of communication and serve as stimulus for further action, beyond this a breakdown of the group into working committees to specifically consider program activities, financial possibilities, organizational matters and an evaluation committee (to review what has thus far been done) is even more important to the work of a state council.

I am off to Florida to do an organizational job for them during the next week. Please drop me a line on the proposed meeting at Baton Rouge and when I get back to the office I will let you know if I can make it.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/raf

February 9, 1955

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

When I was in Washington the other evening, I met one of the persons in attendance at the NAACP Youth Legislative meeting. Negro girl in Roanoke. Neighbor to the Penns. Miss Elaine Dove, 720 Tenth Street, N. W., Roanoke, Virginia. Fresh out of Boston Polytechnic Institute where she majored in Sociology. Twenty-one years old. Can type. Slim, pretty, trim. Good girl. Evidently a good mind. Looking for a job. Wants to do something interesting and not something dull. But not mature enough and not knowledgeable enough to be a boss man, and I don't know what her real clerical abilities are, but I expect she would make somebody a bang-up secretary.

I am a pretty sensitive rater and I would rate her above 95. And the thermometer breaks at 96!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 9, 1955

Mr. Thomas Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

You were very kind indeed to give me space and a machine and the kind attention of various people at the office. I got the little job done and in Petersburg and Richmond that afternoon furthered the whole matter -- much the more so because the typing was finished.

My cordial appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 9, 1955

TO: RHA

I sold at a meeting of the Bicker Club at Georgia Tech last night $4.00 worth of Answers for Action and Changing Patterns in the New South. I don't at all know how much was for which. So here is $4.00 for miscellaneous literature.

February 9, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I thought your meeting went very well indeed. I have been to many Alabama meetings and I never saw anything like so many people, nor so representative an audience. I am mighty sorry I could not stay for the afternoon session when I would have learned more of what is going on in the State.

Expenses are as follows: Left home speedometer read 35470.

Rearrived at home, speedometer read 35857.

I claim the difference of 387 miles at 4¢ a mile, which is all I and my bitsy puddle jumper require. I had additional expense of 45¢ for a telephone call from Newman to Atlanta to warn my next audience that I would be late. So if the Alabama Division can shell out ~~$14.93~~ 15.93 I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Thursday, Feb. 9, 1955

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
Room 209, 121 E. 3rd Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Persuant to your telephone conversation of this morning with Miss Holden, I am enclosing a list of SRC Board members.

Glad to be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Rae Fiszman
Secretary

encl.

February 9, 1955

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H:

If you can break loose to come down for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council here in Atlanta Thursday, February 17th, it would be a good thing for us. Meeting starts about 10:00 and knocks off about 3:00 or 4:00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 9, 1955

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger, Ex. Dir.
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mary Alice:

Many thanks for the list of people on the Clearing House mail list which you sent me. We will mail them some of our promotion literature and pamphlets along the way. I would also appreciate it if you would send us your general list so that we too might send them informational mailings.

Please excuse my long delay in acknowledging the receipt of the list but we have been in a bit of a hassle getting the state organisations going. I am off this week for an organizational job in the state of Florida which will take me some 1500 to 2000 miles through the hinterlands.

It was surely good to meet you when I was in Washington and hope to see you again before too long.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

February 10, 1955

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This new publication is really a honey. Ought to be used as a text. Can you not ask some of your people at Gammon to explore getting goodies out of it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under Separate Cover this date.

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February 11, 1955

Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

You and everybody in Norfolk were mighty kind to me. I know we talked about teacher matters, and you comfort me greatly by saying that it helped and didn't hurt.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 11, 1955

R.R. Bowker Co.
62 West 45th St.
New York 19, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please send to the Southern Regional Council one copy of American Library Directory - 1954, price $12.50.

Enclosed find check to cover.

Yours truly,

Rae Noto Fiszman
Secretary

encl.

February 11, 1955

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

You get the little book called Changing Patterns in the New South. Ask your girls to dig it up and lay it in your hands.

Guaranteed to be a honey.

If you are busy, read the Table of Contents and the last sentence in the book.

Then figure some way to help us get it around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. H. B. Sissell
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sissell:

We think this one is a honey. If you like it and will help us get it around, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 11, 1955

Mr. Curtis Dixon
Southern Education Foundation, Inc.
811 Cypress Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Curtis:

This one is a honey. If you can help us make it move, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 11, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

We think this one is a honey. If you can help us move it around, we would be grateful. We rather stuck our neck out with a 50¢ publication, and we have to sell all we printed.

If you are pressed for time read the Table of Contents and the last sentence in the book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 11, 1955

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

You have a good keen sight for useful publications. I submit this one for inspection.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 11, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Letts
United Lutheran Church
231 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Here's a nice new one that is a good job. Most useful as a textlet for study and discussion meetings.

I don't expect it to be bought in whopping quantities, but if you can think of ways to work it into spots where it will be helpful, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 11, 1955

The Honorable Brooks Hays
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

I want you to look through the index and read the last sentence in a booklet I send you called Changing Patterns in the New South. That is not too much to ask you. I suggest that your secretary stick it on your desk and pin on something that says "look at the index and read the last sentence." Then if you get a chance to sell the book and praise the rest of them we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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February 11, 1955

Mr. Lewis Deer
220 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

A honey! Should move! Can you help?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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February 11, 1955

Mr. A. C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is a nice new job. The facts in a way that people ought to be willing to read.

I know that at 50¢ it isn't going to be broadcast. But if you could praise it in spots where it might be used textwise, we would be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

I send you a honey! It ought to be used by people that need to know. If you like it please help us get it used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Richard Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

This one is a honey. We stuck out necks out by printing a 50¢ job and we have to sell everyone we printed.

I bespeak your kind words for it wherever they will count.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

You have been mighty nice to us in the past about helping us get rid of pamphlets.

Would you take an interest in trying to get rid of some of these?

I send a few of the circulars about it and would be glad to put a stack of real pamphlets with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Cullen Gosnell
Professor of Government
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Cullen:

Belatedly, and in a way accidental, a good part of what you and I thought of years ago Harold Fleming up and did.

Most people merely get a circular, but I send you a sure 'nuff one for free.

Put on the thinking cap and see if thee can find ways to get it sure 'nuff bought.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

*An original of this letter sent to all employed state division secretaries

February 11, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

This new publication called Changing Patterns in the New South should get very widely picked up as a text in schools and colleges and for discussion group use. We are trying to promote it from here.

Will you try to promote it from yonder?

Here are fifteen circulars to promote it with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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*Changing Patterns in the New South and 15 promotion circulars under separate cover this d

February 11, 1955

Professor W. E. Cole
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cole:

A honey! Should be used! Please help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Samuel Spiegler
NAIRO REPORTER
P. O. Box 163
Cathedral Station
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Spiegler:

This one is a honey for a text. And for all kinds of background uses. I hope it achieves a preferred listing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

This one is a honey and ought to be used for a text. Will you try?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Miss Rachel Henderlite
Assembly's Training School
Brook Road vicinity Laburnum
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Miss Henderlite:

I think you will see the quality and usefulness of this new SRC job.

We hope it can get used textwise.

Will you think about it some?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Miss Louise Young
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise Young:

This one is really a honey. It ought to be very widely used for a text and for background for anybody fussing with these matters.

Verbum Sap.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Mozell C. Hill
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mozell:

Harold Fleming did a sweet job. I do hope that you will agree.

It ought to be used textwise.

Will you contrive that in any way you can?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Forrest La Violette
University of California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Forrest:

Too many people write you and say that their books are honeys and you ought to use them. This one is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I suppose everybody on the Lord's green earth asks you to look at their new book. But do please look at this one.

It ought to get widely used textwise.

I have told Herman Long so.

Will you carry a note or two in its place in whatever ditty you may be asked to sing?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Guy Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

We think Harold Fleming's new job is a honey.

Will you try to get it known and maybe bought for a text here or there?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Harry Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Harry:

How about trying to move this around for a text? It is Harold Fleming's new job. Coming at you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Herman Long
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

We think this new job of Harold Fleming's ought to get out for a text.

Will you spread honorable idea?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mrs. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Louise:

Honey of a job which the editor here at SRC did. Will you try to interest anybody thereabouts in using it as a text?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. A. Stephen Stephan
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Stephen:

This new job that Harold Fleming did is a honey. You and all your sociology associates should use it for a text.

Will you help get that done at any rate in your end of the woods?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Professor Broadus Mitchell
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Broadus:

This is a honey of a job. I send you some circulars about it and a complete one.

Will you make some slight effort to interest any of the teachers thereabouts in using it textwise?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. Morris Mitchell
Graduate School
Putney, Vermont

Dear Morris:

This is a honey of a job. See if some of your people would want some.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Circular re Changing Patterns in the New South

February 11, 1955

Miss Ellen Mitchell
Box 2448
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Ellen:

Here is SRC's fancy new booklet. Very instructive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 11, 1955

Mr. William G. Wright
The National Council of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

How very helpful that is of the National Council to send the check for $1,000 to us.

For a token thank you I mail back a brand new publication called Changing Patterns in the New South. Worth the few moments it will take to read down the Table of Contents and to read the very last sentence in the book. We think the whole book is helpful to be used by local study and discussion groups.

Sincere

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.
Encl - Official receipt for $1,000.

February 14, 1955

The Right Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
512 Ebenezer Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Allen Edwards wrote me that the Winthrop College Sociology Department is having a Sociology Forum for high school seniors and college students at Winthrop on Tuesday April 19th. John Ivey is the head speaker. Edwards wanted me to come over and sit in on a panel. I sent him the attached.

So, I will be in Rock Hill that day. I give you this advance notice in the hope that there will be opportunity for us to sit together and talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

February 14, 1955

Mr. Allen D. Edwards
Head
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I have an almost inflexible rule against going anywhere making speeches if the speech proposers can't find travel money. But I will break the rule for you.

So, put me down to be at your service from 9:30 in the a.m. until 5:00 in the afternoon of April 19th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Father Maurice J. Shea

GSM/eab

February 14, 1955

Miss Barbara Wells
Disciples Peace Fellowship
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Miss Wells:

How very kind indeed that is of the Disciples Peace Fellowship to make a contribution of $25.00 to the Southern Regional Council.

We are warm friends of Mr. Long, and would cherish fresh news of him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official SRC receipt.

February 14, 1955

Mr. Arthur J. Moore, Jr.
Assistant Editor
World Outlook
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Moore:

Hi! How very kind that was of World Outlook to send $35.00 for the article. I paid it over to our necessities, the Southern Regional Council, which greatly appreciates it.

I thought the article most beautifully handled.

Do come to see us when you are here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 14, 1955

TO: HCF

Before you finally write the states about membership blanks and New South, etc., I would like to talk with you further. It is a thing that is right to do, but it has to be done in a way that saves as much independence for the states as we can.

February 14, 1955

TO: FBR

I had occasion to talk by phone with Milton Vigo, who said to pass on to you word that the Baton Rouge meeting had been set for February 28th in the evening; Vigo noting that you are to be at Mobile that morning, but supposing that "Upon the wings of the dove, etc."

February 14, 1955

Mr. H. Harry Giles
Director
Center for Human Relations Studies
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Giles:

Please refer to our letter to you of February 8th. On page 2 we gave you the name of Mrs. Yolande Chambers as being the Chairman of the Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation, but did not specify the place. Mrs. Chambers is Chairman of the Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation in Norfolk, Virginia

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
(Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director)

EAB/

Mrs. Jas. C. Chambers
909 Magnolia Ave.
Norfolk 12, Va.

February 8, 1955

Dictated February 7th

Mr. H. Harry Giles
Director
Center for Human Relations Studies
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mike:

Honored and perfectly willing to come up for two or three days for the Workshop. For the time being you can take your pick of any two or three days between July 6th and August 13th. But let me know soon what you pick. As to other people to bring in or to write to about the Workshop:

Heads of PTAs in each Southern state; heads of colored PTAs in each Southern state, obtainable from Mrs. Charles L. Williams, National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, 1200 N. W. Sixth Avenue, Miami 36, Florida.

The school boards in the following Southern cities have Negro members, and so far as we know the names of the Negro incumbents, here they are:

Rufus E. Clement - Atlanta, Georgia
W. C. Ervin - Augusta, Georgia
Carlton L. Jones - Charles City, Virginia
David D. Jones - Greensboro, North Carolina
L. A. Alexander - Knoxville, Tennessee
Carl B. Hutcherson - Lynchburg, Virginia
Coyness L. Ennix - Nashville, Tennessee
C. Waldo Scott - Newport News, Virginia
F. J. Carnage - Raleigh, North Carolina
L. C. Downing - Roanoke, Virginia
W. J. Trent - Salisbury, North Carolina
Booker T. [illegible]aw - Richmond, Virginia
William R. [illegible]ord - Winston-Salem, North Carolina

One of the [illegible]st men in the field is the Chairman of the City School Board in [illegible] North Carolina. His name is D. E. Hudgins.

MUTILATED PAGE (s)

Mr. H. Harry Giles - 2
February 8, 1955

Norfolk. Va.

The Chairman of the Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation is Mrs. Yolande Chambers. She knows a lot about this school business and is spry and effective. Married to a young Negro Presbyterian minister.

You might tap an interested vein by reaching superintendents of parochial schools in such cities as Richmond, Virginia, New Orleans, Louisiana, and San Antonio, Texas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

E B. Best write him to correct.

February 14, 1955

Miss Lillian Smith
Clayton,
Georgia

Dear Lillian:

Now is the Time is a beautiful job. If any one piece of writing can stir morality and make it come to eager new life in the South, your book can. If got around enough, there is the chance that what you have written can do an awakening job. Even if, for lack of circulation, the awakening does not come about, it will make the sleepers a lot easier to awaken by additional devices.

How nice to see intensity and purpose find the time and place to go to work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 14, 1955

Mr. P. F. Ayer
Executive Secretary
Council of Southern Mountain Workers
Box 2000
College Station
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ayer:

Many thanks for your letter of February 10th.

We are shipping you fifty copies of New South, Volume IX, #10. We sell than ordinarily at 10¢ apiece. I suggest that we bill you at $5.00 -- we to pay the postage -- and then you are in position to sell them at 10¢ flat there.

Menefee's article is mighty nice, and your added circulation of it will greatly help it to do its proper job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
50 copies of New South, Vol. IX, #10, under separate cover this date.

February 14, 1955

Mrs. Eleanor W. Ashman
Supervisor
Speakers' Bureau
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Ashman:

All straight for my appearance before the Chicago Chapter of the American Jewish Committee at midday March 17th. And that evening at Milwaukee. Do send me the exact time and place for each.

Info on GSM and pictures coming to you.

For a title maybe "The Schools and Community Relations." Or a more pointed one, "Southern School Systems Now."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls - Photographs
Biographical Statement from Who's Who.

February 14, 1955

Mr. Joseph A. Hall
Executive Secretary
Urban League of Greater Cincinnati
312 West Ninth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hall:

A title I would prefer would be "Fixer Upper #1." But I don't believe you dare print so slangy a title. If you don't, you can use "What To Do Now at Home About the Troubles We Are All In." If you want some other title, how about "Searchlight on Freedom Here and Abroad." If none of these will do, "Anti-Colonialism and American Freedom." I still prefer the first one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 14, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker
RFD
LaGrange, Illinois

Dear The Parkers:

Here I come to be in Chicago for the nights of Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 6th. I am arriving in town by train Saturday morning the 5th. I have got to make a speech at the Conrad Hilton Hotel Saturday night the 5th, and I guess I ought to get through by 10:15 and I ought to be able to catch a 11:00, 11:07, or 11:11teen to Hinsdale or LaGrange. I am ashamed to say that I forget the one to get off at, or is it still the third one? And what do I tell the taxi driver? Usually I just tell him to take me to the only hill within miles, and I turn off half-way down the hill. Apologies for keeping anybody up until around midnight.

Sunday evening I have got to go back into town to talk to some queer people called B'hai's. Monday I guess I am on tap pretty much all day at another downtown meeting. Probably Monday night I can move out, South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 14, 1955

Mrs. Kara V. Jackson
P. O. Box 24
Grambling College
Grambling, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

True that I had already been asked by Mrs. Clara West to be at the Tuskegee meeting Thursday morning April 28th, and I have agreed to go. 'Tis a little awkward for me because I should be in New York the next day -- but I can manage it.

I will need my expenses for coming over from Atlanta and back to Atlanta. And if the Association can find $50.00 on top of that, the Southern Regional Council would be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 14, 1955

Dictated February 11th

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

This confirms our conversation just now. Do send Mrs. Meermann on down to be in Atlanta from Sunday, March 6th, through Tuesday, March 8th.

I shall be in Chicago and can't help you about that. But my Assistant Director, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, will be here and can steer Mrs. Meermann about.

We will also be at pains to have Mrs. Meermann be in touch with the Atlanta President of the National Council of Negro Women. Mrs. Meermann will have a good time in Charleston, and that is a wise selection.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GTH

February 14, 1955

Mr. Herbert L. Wright
Youth Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am back safely from all my travels.

My expenses for the Washington leg of the recent journey were as follows:

Bus, Petersburg to Richmond	$ .61
Bus, Richmond to Washington	2.75
Meals	5.25
Hotel	6.00
City bus	.40
Airport bus	1.75
Plane, Washington, vicinity Petersburg, approximately	8.00
Total	$ 24.76

If I may have your check for that sum, I would be grateful.

I greatly enjoyed the whole occasion and thought it a helpful one in every way. Nothing does as much good as bringing the young people along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS along with expense account.

Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches
Robert W. Saunders
1404½ Central Ave.
Tampa 2, Florida
Telephone: 2-1325

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FEB 14 1955

CLEMENCY ASKED FOR GROVELAND SURVIVOR

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Feb. 7, 1955 A plea to save the life of Walter Lee Irvin, twice convicted and sentenced to death for rape, a crime he swore he never committed, was made today to the Florida Board of Pardons by Paul Perkins, Florida attorney, who along with NAACP Legal Defense attorneys have fought for the past six years to save Irvin from the electric chair. The final plea was made in a petition for clemency which asked the Florida Board of Pardons, headed by the Governor, to commute Irvin's death sentence to life imprisonment.

On January 10, the United States Supreme Court turned down a request of the lawyers to review the case after it had granted a stay to hear further argument based on the fact that Irvin was not given a fair and impartial trial. It was the third time Irvin's case was taken to the United States Supreme Court.

The refusal on the part of the Supreme Court to review the case allowed death in the electric chair to close in on the last surviving defendant in the now famous Groveland Case.

Irvin and three other Negro youths were accused and convicted of raping a white farm wife on July 6, 1949. One youth was shot to death before he ever reached the courtroom, another was killed on a lonely road by the sheriff after the United States Supreme Court had ordered a new trial, and the fourth youth is now serving life imprisonment on the Florida chain gang.

Irvin, too, was shot by the sheriff on that lonely road, but lived to tell the story.

In the plea for clemency, Thurgood Marshall, Director-Counsel of Legal Defense, confirmed in a sworn affidavit a report circulated at the second trial in 1952 that the State Attorney, Jess Hunter, tried to make a deal with Irvin whereby if he pleaded guilty he would be given life instead of the chair.

Just prior to the second trial which took place between February 11 and 14, 1952, Mr. Marshall said in his affidavit, the State Attorney told him that if Irvin pleaded guilty he,

the prosecutor, would "recommend to the court a penalty less severe than capital punishment."

"In the presence of counsel associated with me and James Shepherd, a brother of Samuel Shepherd who had been Irvin's co-defendant and who was also Irvin's brother-in-law, I informed Irvin of the offer," Mr. Marshall declared. "I told him that the charge of rape is one of the most difficult to defend even for an innocent man. I further informed him that he would have to take into account the fact that a public opinion poll which we had taken on his behalf revealed a great deal of community sentiment against him which would probably have an affect--at least subconsciously--upon the jurors."

Irvin stated that he could not lie and say he raped the woman when he did not do it, Mr. Marshall revealed.

"During the trial, the State Attorney informed me that the offer was open up until the case went to the jury," Mr. Marshall declared in his signed affidavit. "I informed Irvin of this fact but he did not change his decision."

The clemency plea asked the Florida Board of Pardons to commute Irvin's sentence to life because the state was willing at an earlier time to settle for a less severe punishment.

"If at that earlier time the state believed justice could be done without the further taking of a human life in this case, surely justice could not now require petitioner's death," Attorney Perkins pleaded.

The petition pointed out that two other Negroes, Samuel Shepherd and Ernest Thomas have already paid for the crime with their lives and that a third Negro youth, Charles Greenlee, then 17, is now serving life imprisonment.

Although the crime for which Irvin was convicted is a terrible one, he still was not found guilty of having taken a life or of having inflicted irreparable bodily harm, Perkins pointed out.

"It would be in accordance with our basic concept of equality to inflict upon the petitioner (Irvin) only the same punishment as another defendant (Greenlee) who was found guilty of the same crime," Perkins pleaded.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . ANNA HOLDEN . . . .

Feb. 14, 1955

To: HCF

Re: Reference materials

Please add to the list of reference materials to be purchased:

U. S. Government Organization Manual, 1954-55. Available from U. S. Govt. Printing Office. $1.00

February 14, 1955

Mr. Milton Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Milton:

I really need the text of the constitutional amendment Louisiana passed in November permitting the state to use police power to maintain segregation in the public schools which I asked you for in my letter of February 2. Mrs. Tilly is planning to have copies of all such amendments mimeographed for a Feb. 24 meeting and Louisiana is holding up the works--she wanted to get the material prepared early this week.

Appreciate your getting it to us as early as possible.

Also, how about a copy of the survey of desegregation in colleges and universities in Louisiana you mentioned in your January report to SRC?

Thanks

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

February 15, '33

My dear Bishop Waters,

I have a Chicago trip coming up, requiring me to be in Chicago at a couple of schools-people meetings March 5 and 7. On the back-run to Atlanta March 8 it would be a simple matter to stop at Terre Haute.

I leave to your judgment whether such a stop should be arranged; you know that I rejoice to try to carry out your wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . ANNA HOLDEN . . . .

February 15, 1955

Memo to: MAW

Re: Texts of Southern governors' addresses to opening sessions of their state legislature

1. In Georgia, Gov. Talmadge delivered opening address instead of incoming Gov. Griffin. No mention of school segregation problem or race relations. Gov. Griffin's remarks on communist infiltration and segregation in his innaugural address attached.

2. No mention of school segregation or race in addresses of Governors of Arkansas or Alabama

3. The following legislatures are not in session: Florida (meets April 5 for first time), Louisiana (session opens May 9) and Kentucky (won't meet this year).

4. I have written governors of the remaining states for texts of their addresses, including Delaware, Maryland, Missouri and West Virginia as well as Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

February 15, '55

My dear Bishop Waters,

I have a Chicago trip coming up, requiring me to be in Chicago at a couple of schools-people meetings March 5 and 7. On the back-run to Atlanta March 8 it would be a simple matter to stop at Terre Haute.

I leave to your judgment whether such a stop should be arranged; you know that I rejoice to try to carry out your wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

February 15, 1955

MEMORANDUM

FROM: George S. Mitchell

TO: Grace T. Hamilton
Frederick B. Routh
Katherine Stoney

I am considering writing a letter to each field employed person, professional in level, including Dagen in Kentucky, and suggesting that they join NAIRO.

I have learned from NAIRO officials that it is frequent for agency staffs to join NAIRO out of agency funds. It costs $10.00 a year.

My letter, unless I am advised to the contrary, would say that we see nothing wrong with their joining NAIRO out of their agency budget.

In my view it is desirable for Southern staff in this field to be linked to the national professional show.

What do people say?

Encl.

FOR REVIEW BY: GTH
KS
FBR

DRAFT

To: Each paid professional state division person

From: George S. Mitchell

I am just back from a day at one of the schools currently going through the South, the Southern Police Institute at Louisville, Kentucky. This is an excellent agency, cordially disposed toward us and established with the advice of many of our friends. It trains police officials, mainly Southern, in normal police skills with good dashes of human relations put in. The head of it is David A. McCandless, and they are quartered at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. Mr. C. H. Parrish of our staff is in close touch with the Southern Police Institute.

I am the more encouraged from the conversations yesterday with the various police officials to write you and ask that you make it your business and the business of your agency to build a cordial working relationship with senior police officials in the principal cities in your state.

The notion of a working relationship between police officials and human relations agencies is newish, and in some spots novel. One of the things we all agreed on yesterday was that it is wise for friendships to be made before trouble comes.

Also, we agreed that whoever, being private citizen or police official, first perceives a problem coming up has the duty to be in touch with the other.

I think in most states we are the ones who will first perceive tensions coming ahead, so the bee is on us to go and see some Chiefs in our areas and simply tell them who and what we are and swap telephone numbers and make friends.

Sincerely

February 15, 1955

Mr. John Q. Schisler
General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

This is a nice new job. Most useful for filling in background facts.

At 50¢ it obviously is not going to be broadcast. But it ought to be picked up for study and discussion group use.

We would be extremely grateful if you would thumb through it for a couple of minutes and think about ways to work it into the places where it can do good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 15, 1955

Dictated February 9

AIR MAIL

Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I really don't have to write you this letter because you are for certain sure coming to the Executive Committee meeting February 17. But I write you anyway. We will have mailed you a copy of a new pamphlet called Changing Patterns in the New South. It is a honey.

Please consider ways to help us get it sold. We stuck our necks out with a 50¢ job and we have to sell all we got. But it can be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 15, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I didn't get hold of you when I was in Washington and I am told that I should have. Anything I can do?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 16, 1955

Mrs. David Staff
3500 Mountain Park Drive
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Staff:

We are delighted that you will be with us on February 24th and 25th, and we are enclosing a sheet that gives you full information.

Yes, your plane travel and entertainment will be paid by the Southern Regional Council. I regret very much that the limited funds given for this conference will not make it possible for but one person to represent the B'nai B'rith of Birmingham. If the other lady finds it possible to come on her own, she would be more than welcome.

Looking forward to having you with us in Atlanta, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf
encl.

February 16, 1955

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

You will have been sent a copy of our new publication, Changing Patterns in the New South.

Please let your secretary dig it out of the stack and lay it in your hands. Look through the Table of Contents and read the last sentence in it.

Then see if there is some way you can help us to get it moving around quite widely. It ought to be a textlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 16, 1955

Miss Ruth M. Auchenbach
Secretary of Literature
The Women's Guild of the
Evangelical and Reformed Church
2969 West Twenty-Fifth Street
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear Miss Auchenbach:

We wait with bated breath an order from you in response to our letter to you of January 24th about Answers for Action.

Honest we hope you will get a flock of them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

February 16, 1955

To: HCF

You could do some helpful promotion work with the new guy running the Atlanta office of the National Council of Churches on getting the Changing Patterns in the New South pamphlet known by and often noticed by church publications. I am not sure I want to waste a free one on every dinky little church publication there is, but some judicious use might be made of that channel.

For instance, I have written to the Religious Herald in Richmond as attached.

GSM/eab
Encl.

February 16, 1955
February 16, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I have begun the arrangements for finding out about Southern Union College at Wadley, Alabama. Expect to know by Monday and will let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 16, 1955

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
Freedom Agenda Program
164 Lexington Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

You wrote me February 3rd about the Freedom Agenda Program and sent the booklets.

I have read all of How to Organize a Freedom Agenda Project and have looked with some care through the other six pamphlets.

A beautiful job all around; the only next thing is how to get such things going.

We have organized State Councils on Human Relations with paid staff in eight Southern states, and in four more they are either organized or are about to be. I would be glad to write to the staff people in each of these State Councils and ask them to interest themselves in getting friendly persons to start Freedom Agenda projects.

To write convincingly, I ought to have twelve sets of the pamphlets. I would send a set out to each of my state directors.

If the Memorial Fund can stand the expense of sending me twelve sets, I will forthwith write out to my people.

I think that in some of the states something would catch on as a result.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 16, 1955

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West 35th Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I am coming to your city twice in March.

Somewhat hurriedly March 5th, 6th and 7th; for a talk March 5th to the John Dewey Society, and an appearance March 6th before the B'hai's, and March 7th for some educational outfit.

Then I come home. I go back to be March 16th with the Council Against Discrimination in Chicago, and on the 17th to be with a luncheon meeting of the Chicago chapter of the American Jewish Committee. And to a similar gathering in Milwaukee that evening, the 17th.

I hope that somewhere in one or the other of the trips there will be an opportunity for us to be together. Maybe you and Mrs. Silberman will contrive to be at the luncheon on Wednesday the 17th?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Air Mail
Special Delivery

February 16, 1955

Dr. A.C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
161 Eighth Avenue - Rm. 414
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

This is an SOS to you -- and a most urgent SOS! On February 24th and 25th, here in Atlanta, will come together the women leadership of the Protestant denominations, and the Jewish and Catholic faiths, of the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina, to face the seriousness of the tensions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision on segregated schools.

Mrs. Martin, the president of the Southern Baptist Women, finds it impossible to attend and no one from their office in Birmingham is available. The Baptist women here, as well as we of the Southern Regional Council, beg you to be with us. This is to be a very serious but informal meeting, that together we may work out a common program. We really desparately need you.

Enclosed you will find more information about the Conference. We would certainly appreciate it if we might receive a wire from you.

I hope that you will find it possible to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf
encl.

Air Mail
Special Delivery

February 16, 1955

Mrs. Melvin E. Cornilland
104 Vine Street
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Cornilland:

This is an SOS to you -- and a most urgent SOS! On February 24th and 25th, here in Atlanta, will come together the women leadership of the Protestant denominations, and the Jewish and Catholic faiths, of the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina, to face the seriousness of the tensions in the wake of the Supreme Court decision on segregated schools.

You may be aware of these tensions but you really have to live in these states to know the seriousness of the situation. Your president, Mrs. Duvall Chambers, finds it impossible to be with us. We are very much in need of your presence. The meeting is to be an informal one as we search to find the wisdom and the strength for the facing of these days and work out a common program of action. All of your expenses of travel and hotel will be paid by us. Please wire me if you find you can serve us in this Conference. Enclosed you will find further information.

I truly hope you will find it possible to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf
encl.

February 16, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Daniel R. Francis
1221 N. W. Sixty-Seventh Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

My Secretary-Treasurer tells me that no check has yet come in from the King of Clubs. You will remember that the circumstances were that immediately after the speech-making the Treasurer had been unavailable, and you said that you would see to it that the check came on to us next day.

The part of the travel properly chargeable to the King of Clubs was $85.00, and I think the group had expected to add some modest honorarium to that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 16, 1955

Mr. Reuben E. Alley
Editor
The Religious Herald
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Alley:

This small pamphlet I hope is worthy of mention, or a listing in the Religious Herald.

It is a careful job that presents the background and the development of present controversy on matters of race and schools in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

Green Copy to: HCF

February 16, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I know you are too busy to read people's new pamphlets. But do look through the contents of this and read the last sentence.

I don't expect it to sell in great batches at 50¢. But anything you can do to help us get it into spots where it will be serviceable, we will be grateful for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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February 16, 1955

Mr. Horace A. White
Plymouth Congregational Church
Garfield and Beaubien Streets
Detroit 1, Michigan

Dear Mr. White:

You will enjoy this new publication that we have just got out.

Will you put your thinking cap on and write me and tell me how best to get it known and used in the right spots within the Congregational Church?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 16, 1955

Mr. A. DeJongh Franklin
American Jewish Committee
1415 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear DeJongh:

Maybe our new pamphlet will come to you anyway, but I write especially to send you a copy.

I think you will like it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 16, 1955

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Bishop Bowen:

This is a really useful new publication. I know you are too busy to do more than thumb through it, but I wish you would look through the Table of Contents and read the last sentence in the book.

Then, if you can help us get it into places where it will be serviceable we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.
Encl - Three promotion leaflets

February 16, 1955

Miss Muriel Day
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Day:

Clark College suits me better than Paine College, of course. 'Tis on my calendar, and I am at your service. By all means ask Mrs. Tilly. She is your best aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 16, 1955

Miss Betty Schneider
Editor
The Catholic Interracialist
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Schneider:

Your magazine has been nice to us. Here is a new publication we have done, and we think it is a honey. We thought that maybe it would deserve some small mention.

We did it hoping that it would get used by local study and discussion meetings. Also, mighty good for texts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 16, 1955

The Right Reverend William R. Claiborne
2744 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Claiborne:

This is a useful item for bringing together the background of present Southern controversy on matters of race.

If after a few minutes of thumbing through it you can praise it to interested people in Christian Social Relations in the Diocese, we would be grateful.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 16, 1955

The Right Reverend Alfred C. Cole
Christian Social Relations
Province of Sewanee
Protestant Episcopal Church
Upper Trinity Parish
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Bishop Cole:

I send you separately a useful item called Changing Patterns in the New South. It reprints the best of what has been in our magazine for the last six or eight years. And as the Table of Contents will show, the material falls into neat and useful patterns.

The last sentence in the book is a good piece of South Carolina language.

I don't expect it to be ordered in great blobs because it costs 50¢. But I do think it ought to be read by conscientious people interested in Christian social relations.

If you would speak a good word for it as occasion may present, we would be very grateful.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover.
10 Promotion leaflets

February 16, 1955

Mr. J. H. Jackson
National Baptist Convention, Inc.
3101 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Kind of you to get a hundred copies of the booklet, Answers for Action, which we duly sent to Hot Springs.

Here's another. This one costs 50¢ and I don't expect anybody to buy big bunches. But it is a nice job, beautifully calculated to inform as to the background of the present controversy in the South.

If you can find ways to work copies of it into spots where it will do good, we would be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.
Three promotion leaflets enclosed.

February 16, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

I just didn't quite think Seeber had it. He had much to offer, but some highly desirable components I thought he didn't have. It wasn't an easy thing to be decisive about, but I try to learn from my years of experience that when you think you are right you had better say so.

In any case, it seems to me that you would be better off in Tennessee to plan a decentralized operation. And from your letter I judge that that is the way you are going.

Fred has gone to Florida, but comes back in two or three days. I asked him before he left to talk to you by phone and assure you that very soon he, Routh, would be with you for a good string of days in Tennessee to give you some help. If he didn't succeed in reaching you before he left, he will be in touch with you quite soon and will be prepared to do some leg work for you.

Bill Cole at the University of Chattanooga is one of your wisest and best informed potential advisers.

I do not grieve over slowness in getting started with staff; the important thing is a sound start and a sound Board, and a wise set of purposes. If you will give some more time and thought to that I will feel sure that Tennessee will come through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

cc: FBR
CHP

Copies: Dr. Parrish
Mrs. Todd
Dr. Lewis

February 17, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

We expect to send the package of Answers for Action (addressed, stamped and ready to be put in the mail carrying a Tennessee postmark) by the end of the week. I again wish to congratulate you on moving ahead on this bit of program. There may be many returns from the exposure of responsible school officials to the Tennessee Council and to Answers for Action. I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to the Kentucky Council because they have been considering a similar plan.

It occurs to me that you may wish to invite Dr. Parrish and Dr. Sanders to meet with your Executive Committee sometime in the near future. They would be able to describe the basis of selection and the plan of work of the Kentucky consultants. They are co-chairmen on the Kentucky's "Community Services Committee."

I know that you are disappointed that you have not been able to establish an office as yet. It is splendid that you feel that the efforts of the organization can move forward despite this limitation.

Please find enclosed the lists which Mrs. Todd asked us to send to you.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program

GTH/rnf
encl.

P.S. We are keeping the surplus copies of your mimeographed letter in this office, in case you might possibly wish us to handle another mailing for the Tennessee Council.

February 17, 1955

Mr. George L-P. Weaver
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear George:

Mrs. M.E. Tilly is having an important southern conference of women church leaders in Atlanta next week, February 24-25th, and a chief topic is the Supreme Court decision on school segregation.

She is very anxious to secure 100 copies of the printed CIO brief, "Build Democracy in the Schoolroom -- How Rapidly should Desegregation Proceed?"

I am here today attending an SRC Executive Committee meeting and I am sure this note to you will suffice to get Mrs. Tilly the requested number of these documents. Kindly have them sent to her at the Southern Regional Council office, the address of which appears on this letterhead.

Sincerely yours,

Paul R. Christopher

PRC/rnf

2/17/55

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

I have good use for two or three copies of your manuscript on how to put people on. If you can send me two or three pronto, I would be grateful. Need them by Wednesday. I won't get you in trouble and the cause will be advanced.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 17, 1955

Dictated February 16

Mr. Charles M. Gore
Law Offices
Gore, Gore & McIntyre
Bristol, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gore:

Many thanks for your letter of February 14th.

I will be back from Richmond at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 23rd, and shall look for you and Mr. Manney, and any others who may come with you, in the office of the Council at 9:15 a.m. that morning.

We are in a Methodist Church building across the street from the tall Telephone Building.

The Piedmont Hotel promised yesterday to write you at once that they had reserved two double rooms for you and your party. Sixty-Three Auburn Avenue is about two and a half blocks from the Piedmont Hotel. Crooked blocks, so ask.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 18, 1955

Miss Barbara Mitchell
Admissions Office
Bard College
Annandale-on-the Hudson,
New York

Dear Barbara:

This is a nice job. Tell somebody about it and maybe it will get picked up for a textlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns in the New South under separate cover this date.

February 18, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

You will succeed in pushing through what you are after in Montgomery County.

I won't come through again without finding you.

The CIO sent us thirty-odd copies of Build Democracy in the Classroom, and we are busily sending them out to all our state staff people. Nice job!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 18, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 East Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

All straight for me to be at your service in Bloomington March 8th.

I have a speech to make in Chicago the evening of Monday, March 7th, and shall sleep in Chicago that night and take a morning train to Bloomington. I will look up the train today and let you know when it will be getting into Bloomington.

A picture and some material about GSM, and a little about the Southern Regional Council are herewith.

Warmest thanks to you for arranging all of this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

February 18, 1955

Mrs. Betty I. Davis
School of Social Work
Richmond Professional Institute
of the College of William and Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

All right. I will do what you say and that makes it easy to present.

I would like to contrive some way for a good many of those who come to the meeting to have done a little homework ahead of time. Specifically, I would like a lot of them to have read our pamphlet, Answers for Action, and I would like some of them to have read the new one called Changing Patterns in the New South. Unfortunately, the first one costs 20¢ and the second one costs 50¢. I have a leaflet to plug the 50¢ one, but I haven't got anything to describe the 20¢ one.

Puzzle about that for two minutes, and if you can solve it, solve it. And if you can't solve it, skip it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - two promotion leaflets for Changing Patterns

Under separate cover, one copy each of afa and Cpns.

February 18, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Mrs. Hamilton from our staff will go to the meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, and will let everybody in the states know something of what went on. Another year, if you are richer, you and other state directors may care to go yourselves, but I doubt that it is needful as yet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: GTH

February 18, 1955

Mr. J. Curtis Dixon
The Southern Education Foundation, Inc.
811 Cypress Street, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Curtis:

Very nice of you to help us in that way. We will be certain that all of the listed people receive Changing Patterns in the New South.

The Jeanes Teachers very kindly asked me to talk to their Tuskegee meeting April 28th, and I am, of course, going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 18, 1955

My dear Bishop Waters:

This confirms my telephone call this morning, correcting my letter of February 15th.

I had an open contingency with people in Bloomington, Illinois, who are putting on a fund-raising occasion for March 8th, to speak for them. But it seemed altogether likely that they would choose a later date. They popped through today with March 8th. So I have to be there.

But I could still be in Terre Haute at any time on Friday, March 4th, or I suppose in the late afternoon or evening of Wednesday, March 9th.

Again, I am in no wise pressing myself.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 N. McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

February 18, 1955

Mrs. Ellsworth Blackwell
6932 South Prarie Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Blackwell:

'Tis all straight about my turning up for the Baha'i Human Relations Forum, Sunday, March 6th, 8:00 p.m., at the Chicago Baha'i Center, 116 South Michigan Avenue, Room 709. I will try to stick to the subject assigned.

Whoever is paying my way up there for the two educational meetings offered no more than my bare travel expenses, so I had to rustle around and find a bed. But I have friends out of long ago who live at Hinsdale, and they said I could stay out there, and that is where I am to be. It will mean catching a Burlington train after the Sunday evening meeting, but I guess the train still runs.

You are very kind to offer to take me in, but I will belong at the Hinsdale address. They, by the way, are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker. I get to town the morning of March 5th and talk that night for some kind of John Dewey Society at the Hilton. And I am on tap again Monday night for another educational meeting at the same place. And then I go down to Bloomington, Illinois, on the 8th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 18, 1955

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I will be expressing up the file material to you in a day or two.

For all the time that I have known the Southern Regional Council, the records of the Interracial Commission were respected and cared for well. I think I wrote you some time ago when the Council put the records of the Interracial Commission in the custody of the library at Atlanta University. I confess I have not been out to look at them, but I would expect them to be in careful hands.

Do take a hand in the North Carolina group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 18, 1955

Miss Gertrude Noar
Director
Department of Education
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Noar:

Many thanks for your own and everybody's effort to scare up travel money to let me get up to the meeting April 29-30.

We have budgeted our money most tightly to do the job of setting up a dozen state shows, and there just isn't any margin in the central office administrative budget for extra travel. So, I have made it a rule that I only go to distant points if the people who want me can find the expense money involved. I am mighty sorry to miss the Conference, but under our own steam I just can't make it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 18, 1955

Miss Patricia MacManus
Publicity Director
The Viking Press, Inc.
18 East Forty-Eighth Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss MacManus:

We are very much interested in Lillian Smith's new book and are already doing things to get it around. I have written Lillian Smith in warm praise of the book.

We have a meeting of church women coming up next week and I will have the copy of Viking Press' edition of it available for them to see. I confess that we have boughted the Dell edition for each of the ladies, but they will faithfully be shown the better edition.

If the book can get around widely in the South, it just might do its job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Mr. Lewis W. Jones
Director of Research
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Many thanks for the manuscript. It is miles nearer to what it ought to be than ever the Cotton manuscript achieved. I have read it through once. But I still do not think it is the kind of document which would start a wide-spread movement in the South to do something about farm leases.

I need more time to read it some more and think about it in detail before I can say what needs changing. But you are on the way. Generally speaking, it seems to me that the first half of the manuscript is a more careful job than the second half, but the second half has more bite than the first half. From which I draw the conclusion that a final draft could skimp on history and go heavy on present need.

Anyway, we are very grateful to you for working hard in a time of pressure.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: HCF

February 21, 1955

Mr. Arthur H. Lewis
The Aaronsburg Story
1928 Spruce Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Arthur:

Fundamentally I am a professor, and professing taught me to speak with emphasis. Be not distressed: I approve of all of the things that you people do. It was only that I thought I had a notion which would step up what you are after.

You are a welcome friend at the Mitchells' home whenever you can be in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 21, 1955

Miss Frances Levenson
Acting Director
National Committee Against Discrimination
in Housing
35 West Thirty-Second Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Miss Levenson:

I wish I could be present for the Conference in Washington, March 14th, but a heavy travel schedule, previously arranged, makes me unable to get there.

I have been to one or two earlier meetings, and enjoyed them and thought that you were the best of people pursuing good aims with wisdom and energy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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February 21, 1955

Mrs. Dorothy P. Clore
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Clore:

Many thanks for sending down the check. That enables us to close off that item on the books.

I greatly enjoyed being part of the Panel and appreciate Mr. McCandless' kind invitation to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Mr. H. Harry Giles
Director
New York University
School of Education
Center for Human Relations Studies
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mike:

Suppose we settle on my being at your service in New York Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 12, 13, and 14.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Mr. William Van Til
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Van Til:

I've dictated a speech, and will send it to you in a couple of days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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February 21, 1955

REPORT ON FLORIDA TRIP
Feb. 11-20, 1955
Frederick B. Routh

MIAMI

Talked with the Executive Committee of the Dade County Council on Community Relations re possibilities of affiliation with the Florida Council on Human Relations. The group was divided on their opinion of the type of relationship to be worked out but will explore the matter further with the Florida Council. Hollis Rinehart, Chairman, is favorably inclined and so are the majority. Others have some reservations centering around what this affiliation will mean in terms of their application to the Fund for the Republic for a grant. Long private discussion with Rinehart on Sunday morning and with Rev. Ed Graham on Sunday evening -- both want to see it worked out in terms of functional approach to problems in area and state.

ST.PETE*TAMPA

Met with Planning Committee of the St. Pete Council on Human Relations. They are interested in affiliation. Key man in group is Tom Dreier; Chairman is William Gay, attorney. Group is floundering a bit because of inability to see problems and define their role in solution of same. Healthy situation otherwise and good potential. Difficult to contact people on list, Gasparilla Celebration in full swing. Mrs. E.C. Brown talked on phone, also Reece Smith -- both interested, will cooperate. Miss Blake not available but gave name of St. Pete group to her Secretary. The St. Pete group will discuss affiliation at their workshop session the afternoon of Tuesday, February 22, 1955. Dave Dunlap should be there. Contact, Rev. Ernest Marble of the United Liberal Church, St. Pete, phone 7-72554.

ORLANDO

Contacted the librarian, Mrs. Clare Wendel, who showed some interest, potential member (not board material). Also saw wife of Unitarian minister, Rev. Fuller, who had forum series on desegregation. Couldn't contact Bishop Louditt, nor Paul Perkins.

GAINESVILLE

Talked with the Starrs; got Dr. Winston (Dick) Ehrmann to agree to Board (Univ. of Fla. sociologist, NAACP member, good guy).

DAYTONA BEACH

Talked with Herbert Davidson who is anxious to get the show on the road. Talked with Rabbi J. Marshall Taxay who agreed to Board membership, active in community affairs, president Ministerial Alliance.

A group of about eight people met out at Herb Davidson's house and they expressed an anxiety to do something. They want to reactivate the Good Neighbor Commission which existed previously and work out some sort of affiliation with the Florida Council on Human Relations. The Good Neighbor Commission was the group which made possible the new Negro wing of the Valusia County Hospital and the opening of the hospital staff to Negro physicians.

Florida Report
F.B. Routh

JACKSONVILLE

Talked with Davisson Dunlap and Crawford Solomon at length over what had been accomplished thus far on the trip and they explained that a meeting of the state board had been called for March 5th, Saturday, to be held in the News Journal radio station in Daytona Beach. They are planning for affiliate organizations at this time.

TALLAHASSEE

In Tallahassee I talked with Mr. L.M. Kidd (Florida A & M) and Dr. Finner (FSU) and Mr. Porter (Executive Secretary Florida Teachers Association -- Negro). They are anxious to create in the Tallahassee area a council on human relations that can deal with specific local problems. They are interested in an affiliate relationship with the Florida Council on Human Relations. They are going to convene some 30 people, both white and Negro, to discuss what can be done in the Tallahassee area regarding desegregation in the public schools.

NOTE

The new Executive Secretary can quickly swell the ranks of membership by contacting people in the various areas. Each of these people said they knew of many good people for membership, not for board. An exploratory trip to the various areas is an absolute must. Further, a "plan of action" that is sensible and timely is needed. What do groups do if they form, how do they operate, who do they contact, etc. Seems to be need for a "handbook" on this subject.

An overall picture indicates that there is considerable hope in the state of Florida for concrete activities toward integregation on the community level. Several times the feeling that "they don't want to be held back" by a state group was expressed by various people across the state in the various communities visited. Furthermore, everybody I talked with had the feeling that the problems could be worked out in the state of Florida and that desegregation and integration were not impossibilities.

rnf

February 21, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

The 11:45 train out of Union Station on the GM&O I will catch, and will arrive at Bloomington at 1:48 p.m., March 8th.

Happy that night at anyone's home that will take me in, or in a hotel in Bloomington. I have made no reservations.

Delighted to do anything needed March 9th at Illinois Wesleyan or elsewhere, but I would want to have the afternoon free, if possible, for getting toward Terre Haute and on the train home.

Mighty kind of you to make all these arrangements.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Fifteen East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Maslow:

I would appreciate fifteen more copies of your "Model Bill to Create a State Commission on Group Relations," and the digest of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl - 15¢ postage.

February 21, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here are some extra copies of your proposal for a statement. So far as I can recall it is unaltered from your draft except that I deleted one sentence at the top of Page 5 which seemed to me political.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

February 21, 1955

Mrs. Kenneth Parker
Plainville Road
La Grange, Illinois

Dear Adele:

All is in fine shape. CB&Q Schedule in my pocket. Will catch the 11:25 Saturday night, westbound for Western Springs and detrain at Western Springs at two minutes before midnight, and look out and see about the snow. If deep,will parley with a Texas Cab driver. If snow skimpy, will look hopefully for any Parkers.

How very nice that Peter and his wife will be there.

The Bahai's business is not of my choosing. Still they ask and I don't know how to say no I won't just because I think they are queer.

Unitarians Sunday morning much to my choice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and
Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I writ the man, and I guarantee that he will take you in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Dr. W. W. Pierson
Dean
Graduate School
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Pierson:

Hugh Brimm tells me that he has applied for an Assistantship in the Department of Anthropology. Wants to dig out a Master's in it.

In about 1880 a Methodist preacher began a "protracted meeting" in the village of Salisbury, North Carolina. He preached revival to a hungry folk and few were revived. About the third night he came down from the pulpit and said, "What you people in Salisbury need is a cotton mill. You need to have some way to make a living." He opened subscription books and pretty soon Salisbury had a cotton mill, and then some more. I have seen the present day Methodist Church in Salisbury, and it flourishes.

Hugh Brimm is a rare Baptist. I was raised among Baptists. Brimm is wise enough to see that there needs to be a scientific understanding of race before the South can achieve humaneness. So he wants to dig it out. He has already occupied one of the key spots in the Southern Baptist Convention, as Chairman of its Social Service Commission. He retains the respect and affection of those who lead toward progress in the Denomination. He can be a bridge that will carry a great deal of useful traffic.

Able, alert, sincere, courteous, persuasive, not extreme.

The University of North Carolina will add another rich service if it teaches Hugh Brimm anthropology.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 21, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Frank:

Here's a proposal on distributing Changing Patterns in the New South.

We originally printed 5000. We mailed out 2500 to our subscribers. Have 2500 on hand, toward meeting orders. The 2500 we mailed out covered a creme de la creme of Southern people; not many of them would be on other lists.

Desirable additional coverage (all figures relate only to 13 Southern States):

PRIORITY I:

Editors of daily newspapers	500	
Editors of weekly newspapers	1800	
Church leaders, all denominations	500	
Labor officials known to be interested	250	
Individuals selected by SRC state groups	1000	
Jeanes supervisory persons	50	
YWCA Southern leadership	350	
Total, Priority I		4,450

PRIORITY II:

Mayors of Southern cities	500	
Local superintendents of schools	1000	
Head PTA officials	50	
Committee of the South	100	
Interested police officials	50	
Southern members of Congress	100	
Total, Priority II		1,800
Grand total		6,250

The expense of the mailing, estimated on a unit-cost basis, would be:

4,450 copies, Priority I only

Printing, per copy	$ .35
Postage	.08
Envelopes, labels, handling	.06
Total, per copy	$ .49
Total, 4450 copies	$2180.50

6,250 copies, Priorities I & II

Printing, per copy	$ .30
Postage	.08
Envelopes, labels, handling	.06
Total, per copy	$ .44
Total, 6250 copies	$2750.00

For the most part, we would prefer to confine our distribution of Now is the Time to our own mailing list -- a total of 3,000 copies. In the case of a few of the categories listed above, it might be appropriate to send both publications; however, that would involve no additional cost, since postage would not be increased.

We should expect, of course, to bear the handling cost of getting out Now is the Time to our own mailing list.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF

February 21, 1955

TO: KS

My recollection:

$85.00 was expenses, $25.00 appears "hono." He does owe us for 100 (?) A.for A.

GSM

February 21, 1955

Mr. Daniel R. Francis
The King of Clubs, Inc.
1221 N. W. 67th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

Very many thanks for the check. We were not inconvenienced, but we are glad to close the entry.

Kind of the Club to take the Answers for Action books, and we are sure that in due time you will send along the check for them.

I enjoyed the trip and the audience. I do hope you will let me come again sometime.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official receipt.

February 21, 1955

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Sue Crank, Ex. Dir.
Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A.

FROM: Mrs. G.T. Hamilton,
Assistant Director for Program
Southern Regional Council

Attached is biographical information on Mrs. Hedwig Meerman. We are very grateful for your help to her in arranging a schedule which will add to her insights about this community.

You will be interested in an excerpt from the letter from the Director of the Governmental Affairs Institute regarding Mrs. Meerman.

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February 21, 1955

Mrs. Barbara Marx
6897 North Washington Boulevard
Arlington 13, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Marx:

Margaret Garrity wrote and said I should get fifty copies of Answers for Action to you on consignment. Chinchily I tote them myself tonight and hand them tomorrow to Margaret Garrity to hand on to you. Postage these days frightens me it is so high.

They cost us 16¢ apiece: you can sell them for 16¢ or you can sell them for 20¢; just so you send us $8.00, or pro rata for however many you sell.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 21, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

Nice of you to praise Changing Patterns in the New South. I send you four more, hoping that you can arrange for their review and notice.

I have asked my able assistant, Mrs. Grace Hamilton, to represent the Southern Regional Council at the gathering of the Civil Liberties Clearing House. Wish I could get there also, but I can't. If you will be friendly to her, I will be grateful. I think I would enjoy a side session with you and Irene Osborne more than the sure enough meetings.

I shall be in Richmond tomorrow and will see you there.

Fifty copies, Answers for Action heading toward you on consignment.*

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

*Miss Garrity:

Dr. Mitchell is bringing these to the Richmond meeting.

EAB

February 21, 1955

Miss Lilly Pretzfelder
2016 Princeton Avenue
Dunedin, Florida

Dear Miss Pretzfelder:

Florida, like other Southern states, had for many years a Florida Interracial Committee with various local branches. Its members in the mid-forties came into the Southern Regional Council, and as members of the Southern Regional Council constituted themselves the Florida Division of the SRC. Never a strong organization, but always with some devoted friends.

Now the Southern Regional Council is in position to help each state group to set itself up in near-autonomy. Specifically, we can help them for three years to employ paid professional and clerical staff and to meet most of the expense of running an office. The Florida Division has formally accepted this offer and is currently seeking staff for an office which, I believe, it thinks of putting in Orlando.

The Chairman of the Florida group (Florida Council on Human Relations) is a lawyer named Davisson Dunlap, Barnett National Bank Building, Jacksonville. Mrs. William Charles White at 648 Parker Street in Jacksonville is its devoted Secretary.

At Clearwater lives Miss Emily Clay at 1020 Granada Street. She was for twenty-five years Secretary to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and later Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council in its formative years. You should be in touch with Miss Clay as you make your plans.

I particularly admire various of the things done by the St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations. As I understand it that is a local independent body.

We would hope that whatever group you get going in Clearwater will regard itself as part of the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I send the last issue of the Southern Regional Council's magazine, and several leaflets about the Council.

Do be in touch with either Mr. Dunlap or Mrs. White. And if we can help you further, we would like to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
February, 1955 New South
3 copies Answers for Action
3 grey leaflets
3 copies 1951 "South of the Future" leaflet.

cc: Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Mrs. William Charles White
Fred Routh

February 21, 1955

Mr. Kendall Weisiger
308 Palmer Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Kendall:

It seems to me that this ought to be an outfit that could help you from time to time.

My friend in it is the one called E. Jefferson Murphy. (I know him as Emmet Murphy, but there were two Emmett Murphys so he altered his style.) Murphy is a Georgia boy. Went to Emory, and then did sociology and anthropology at Chapel Hill. I dug him up some money, maybe some of it from you, to get him to the Institute on African things at Northwestern some years ago. Pretty soon he turned up with a teaching job at the Native College in Fort Hare, South Africa. And he had not been long back in this country when he took this job. He would be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - The African-American Bulletin

February 21, 1955

MEMORANDUM

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February 21, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Mary Kate Duskin, Executive
Atlanta Y.W.C.A.

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December 21, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Frances Pauley, President
Georgia League of Women Voters

FROM: Mrs. G.T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for Program
Southern Regional Council

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February 22, 1955

Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Chairman
Florida Council on Human Relations
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Dave:

Returned -- herewith is the list of the membership of the Florida Council on Human Relations. Many thanks for the loan of it. I am also enclosing a summary report on the Florida trip.

I look forward to the possibility of seeing you on March 5th. It looks as if I can probably make it although it's not quite definite yet.

Thanks a lot for all of the favors while I was in Jacksonville.

Your buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
enclosures/list, report

Dictated by Mr. Routh/signed in his absence

February 22, 1955

Mrs. Dorothy Otis Wyre
415 Mitchell Street
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Dorothy:

You are more up-to-date than we are on the matter of Negroes on the staffs of Southern newspapers. All the information we have on the subject is now two years old. Sources: firsthand information and a survey by Robert W. Brown, editor of the Columbus, Georgia, Ledger, reprinted in "Editor and Publisher."

At that time the known instances were as follows:

Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal and Sentinel employed one fulltime Negro reporter and one parttime. This was a straight salary set up, with the Negro reporter apparently reasonably integrated in the staff.

Anniston (Ala.) Star "employed Negro to run Sunday column."

Birmingham (Ala.) News "employed Negro to handle daily segregated news column(straight salary)."

Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser "employed Negro to handle special news page for Negro subscribers only (salary)."

Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle "employed Negro news editor and assistant, with office maintained in Negro district."

Richmond, (Va.) News Leader "employed a Negro on space rate for sports and other Negro events."

This, plus the meager mention in our pamphlet Race in the News (1949), is all we have ever collected on the subject. We have aspired several years now to do another thorough-going survey but haven't achieved it yet. Maybe your article will be a contribution toward that end!

I hear good things about the Arkansas Council and expect it to do great things.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

February 22, 1955

Mr. Dixon Bush
South Main Street
Milford, New York

Dear Mr. Bush:

I don't know of anything now that would fit. How about NAIRO to do a placement job?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

February 22, 1955

Mrs. Chas. Johnson
1700 Meharry Boulevard
Nashville, Tenn.

You will be the guest of Mrs. Benjamin Mays.

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

February 22, 1955

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
Director, Public Relations
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40 Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Henry:

Thanks and congratulations for sending a copy of the new pamphlet "It Can Be Done!" to the Southern Regional Council. Such an encouraging story -- and people, particularly in this part of the country, do need to be encouraged. We are calling it to the attention of the staff of state organizations affiliated with the SRC, and we would like to buy 100 copies to use wherever we can (check in the amount of $5.00 is enclosed).

Best wishes from all of us here to you.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf
check enclosed

February 22, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: AH
HCF

FROM: GTH

RE: Suggestions for promotion of New South

Priorities -- work to be done in following order:

1. Changing Patterns promotion folder to be sent to public libraries outside of the South in cities of 50,000 or more.

   If there are sufficient copies after completing this list, send to college libraries in Southern states beginning with Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas.

   (Make cards for all groups to which material is addressed, separate by category)

2. February issue of New South -- promotion for program use.

   Copies of February issue to be sent with brief letter calling attention to reason for interest in this issue to the following:

   Student YM and YWCA staff
   National College Scholarship and Service Fund
   American Friends Service Committee -- student
   Conference of American Council on Education (list in folder)
   Student Publications (see Ayer's Directory)
   Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
   Members of Boards of Control -- Southern states

3. New South -- subscription promotion.

   Use specially developed list including:

   Former subscribers to New South
   College librarians

GTH/rnf

February 22, 1955

Rev. Lewis Schenck
Chairman, Christian Social Relations
St. George's Episcopal Church
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Reverend Schenk:

Please pardon the lateness of this invitation to you. I knew you were Chairman of Christian Social Relations and responsible for the statement your church has made in regard to the Supreme Court school decision but I did not realize you live so near Atlanta.

Now as for the invitation -- the church women leaders of the three faiths from several of the Southern states will meet at All Saints Episcopal Church on Thursday and Friday of this week (see sheet attached). We would be very grateful to you if you would find it pobbible to be with us the full time, or if not, to drop in on us during our sessions. I think you would be of invaluable aid to us as we plan a program of action that can be used in local communities.

I truly hope you may find it possible to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf
encl.

February 22, 1955

Mr. Ivan A. Booker
Assistant Director
National Education Association
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Booker:

I have dictated the speech for the John Dewey Society, and when I can be back at my desk in a couple of days, I will look it over and send it to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 22, 1955

Bishop Randolf Claiborne
St. Philip's Cathedral
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Claiborne:

Beginning at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon of this week and ending on Friday at three o'clock, the church women leaders of the three faiths from several of our Southern states are meeting that they might work out ways of easing the tensions following the Supreme Court decision.

If it is at all possible, we would appreciate it if you would drop in on us at any time through the sessions, or be with us the full time if that is possible. It would be greatly appreciated by all of us.

We are meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church. Mrs. Sterne joins me in this invitation. You may know my son, Eben F. Tilly, who is a member of St. Philip's and is a past president of the Men's Work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf
encl.

February 22, 1955

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
The Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Last year was a busy one. The things that we and so many others had tugged at began at last to slide.

In April the Fund for the Republic decided to come to our help. They gave us enough to enable us to get started with twelve Southern state organizations in human relations, and they tell us that they expect to stand behind us for three years or so. In May came the Supreme Court's decision. Along about the same time, we got out a pamphlet called Answers for Action: Schools in the South, which sold 30,000 copies at good speed.

We have proceeded with working out the state groups, and have them organized in all except one of the states, and staffed in all except four. Mostly they call themselves the Alabama Council on Human Relations, or the South Carolina one, or the North Carolina one, etc.

The whole effort is to get going in each state a local movement which will perdure after the period of central aid from us is over. And this Atlanta office has had a busy time expanding itself out into twelve new groups, and trying to formulate policy and program for all our forces throughout the South.

We are grateful for the Marion R. Ascoli Fund's contribution at a time of special need. I hope you will not suppose that because the Fund for the Republic came to our help your own contribution would not be further needed. Foundations, bless them, seldom give without exacting a larger fund-raising effort than outfits have ever known before; and the Fund for the Republic required us to show before September 30, 1955, fifteen or twenty thousand dollars more than we have ever got in before, and next year and the year after very much larger sums still! And it isn't just matching; it goes directly into people and travel and action.

I send you the Answers for Action pamphlet. And, for another item, The Changing Patterns in the New South. We make no great brag as pamphlet-pushers; obviously a pamphlet is only something to work with. But these two publications, I think, will show that our agency is at work.

I send an audit for last year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - Audit, SRC, 1954

Under Separate Cover:
Answers for Action
Changing Patterns

cc: KS

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

February 22, 1955

I do hope that on the basis of what is within you will join NAIRO.

To: Robert Hughes
Guy Wells
Milton Vigo
Harry Jones
Alice Spearman
Thomas Sutherland
Mrs. Margaret Dagen
Mrs. Ruby Lyells

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 22, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

(Name and address)

Dear _____:

Years ago, in the period of World War II, an outfit called the American Council on Race Relations helped bring into being in Northern and Western states and cities, private or public bodies to deal with problems of race relations. In the course of time, the ACRR went down the drain. But before it died, it called into being the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. NAIRO is now eight or nine years old. It started with a handful of members and now goes nearly up to 400. Annual convention. Board of Directors, on which I have served and on which Fred Routh is now Southern Representative. Herman Long at Fisk is the President of NAIRO. It puts out a monthly bulletin called the NAIRO Reporter. A good many of the people in it struggle toward making it an honest-to-goodness professional body, setting standards of who can be an intergrouper and who may not. My ambitions for it are less high; I think it does a useful job of hooking us all together and letting us know what others are doing.

It costs $10.00 a year to belong to it. It has almost no other source of income, so it has to charge $10.00. Membership covers receiving the NAIRO Reporter, and various other items.

Upon inquiry at the last annual meeting, I found that in quite a large number of instances persons professionally employed by intergroup agencies joined and continued their annual dues payments in NAIRO at the expense of their agency.

We see nothing wrong with this course for your group.

I do urge you to join NAIRO. You are now in this new field; it is the recognized Association of people who try to learn how to do this new thing; and we ought to be in it.

You join it by sending $10.00 and your name and address and the name of your agency to John G. Feild, NAIRO Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Community Relations, 565 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 23, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Dir.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building - Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is an invoice of the literature sent to you on consignment. We do not send individual receipts for New South subscriptions sent in by state organizations. Our assumption is that the state organizations give receipts; we simply add the names to the mailing list or give appropriate credit in the case of renewals.

Our supply of The South of the Future is temporarily exhausted. However, we are in the process of printing more and will send the 500 requested as soon as they are available.

I have heard good reports on your meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

February 23, 1955

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your very kind letter about Changing Patterns in the New South. It has been very well received and the time for it looks promising. The two copies which you requested have been mailed to you.

Thanks again for your own contribution to the booklet, which greatly enhances its usefulness.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

February 23, 1955

League of Women Voters of St. Louis
4740a McPherson
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Ship today airmail special delivery 100 copies "St Louis Integreates its Schools." Charges following.

Southern Regional Council

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February 23, 1955

Mr. Leslie Dunbar
18 Erskine Lane
Aiken, S.C.

Dear Les:

I deferred answering your letter until I had a chance to discuss it with Grace Hamilton and George Mitchell.

The obvious thing which occurred to me was that Mr. Lee could profitably explore his ideas with the Urban League, since that is the one organization that plays a major role in counseling Negro youth on job opportunities. But I am sure that he has either done so,or, if not, has sufficient reason that I know not of.

Dr. Mitchell suggests that he by all means see a man named Mayes Behrman, Director Merit Employment Program, Southeastern Regional Office, American Friends Service Committee, Greensboro, North Carolina. Behrman is the employment on merit guy for the Friends Service Committee in the Southern region. He is supposed to be knowledgable and effective in the whole field and could certainly advise on publishing possibilities for Mr. Lee's kind of counsel.

As you know this ~~[illegible]~~ matter is not exactly our specialty. But we would be glad to talk with Mr. Lee anytime he is in the Atlanta area and would give him any suggestions or advice we could.

I am expecting you to let me know what comes of that brainstorm of yours and MacMillan's.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

February 28, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Kitty and Paul:

For many kindnesses many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 23, 1955

Mr. Hubert A. Elliott
c/o Allyn P. Robinson
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your good letter.

We are impressed by your qualifications and, of course, by your interest in the things for which the Southern Regional Council is working. As a matter of fact, we need somebody with precisely your skills to carry out an expanded information and publications program. But the job is that of assistant and is budgeted at the salary of no more than $4000 per year.

I am sorry we don't have a better proposal to discuss with you, but we would like to keep your application on tap for future opportunities. Meanwhile, if you know anyone with appropriate interests and skills who might be interested in the editorial assistant job, I would appreciate your passing on the word.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

February 23, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Frank:

Since I fell by the roadside temporarily again and George Mitchell picked up on the various matters we had talked about, I have never acknowledged the copy of your letter to Mr. John Howard and the appended note.

I needn't tell you that we were very pleased that you thought well enough of the booklet to propose its use by the USIA and Ford Foundation representatives overseas. Even if nothing comes of it, we rejoice over the proposal.

A proposal for Southern groups to receive Changing Patterns went forward to you yesterday. Any or all of that distribution would be helpful.

Our feeling was that Lillian Smith's book should go to PAD membership under our aegis, and that others should receive it through the normal organizational channels. If you decide on a wide distribution of Now is the Time, we will be glad to suggest organizations with Southern constituents that should distribute it.

Again thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

February 23, 1955

Dear Ted:

The guys had a good meeting yesterday in Richmond, and set up a Virginia Council on Human Relations. Everyone want you to come and be in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mr. Ted DuCuennois
102 North Belvedere
Richmond, Virginia

February 23, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Ryland
University of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia

Dear The Rylands:

Mighty kind of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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February 23, 1955

An original of this ltr and a

copy of Changing Patterns sent to:

Marvin Griffin - Georgia
Hugh White - Mississippi
Robert Kennon - Louisiana
James Folsom - Alabama
Frank Clement - Tennessee
Allan Shivers - Texas
North Carolina - Luther P. Hodges
George B. Timmerman, Jr. - South Carolina
Raymond D. Gary - Oklahoma
Thomas B. Stanley - Virginia
Lawrence Wetherby - Kentucky
Leroy Collins - Florida
Orval E. Faubus - Arkansas

February 23, 1955

The Honorable Robert Kennon
Governor of the State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I send separately a recent publication of our Council, called Changing Patterns in the New South. It is a handy summary.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 23, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

If you could buy 500 copies of Changing Patterns in the New South we could cut the price down to $200.00.

They could go up by the cheapest way, which may be motor Express. I do hope that will work out.

In the normal flow of things, the next time I am in Washington is April 13th for a meeting of the Associated Church Press. I have no engagements the 12th or the 14th, and could doubtless do your bidding. But try to let me know as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 23, 1955

Mr. Herbert W. K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

I have just got back some cuts of the better picture -- the best. If a cut will do you, fine. If you need a glossy, say so and we will send it.

Glad you got Parrish. He will do well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 23, 1955

Mr. Lambert Davis
University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is a copy of our latest issue of New South which, as you will see, carries a review of Schools in Transition.

I wanted you to know that New South, in its somewhat improved format, will be running such reviews as well as brief notices of books on Southern affairs generally and race relations in particular. We will appreciate review copies of books on these subjects.

For example I have just seen your announcement of The Urban South. This is the kind of book of which we would certainly want to take some notice in New South.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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February 23, 1955

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, S.C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I don't know if you have seen Lillian Smith's latest book, Now is the Time. It is a very perceptive and inspiring treatise on the moral and practical urgency of desegregation.

I'm hoping that you will do a brief review of it for New South, say 600-800 words. I am not thinking of the formal book review sort of thing but rather a piece setting forth your own impressions and reflections upon reading the book.

I am sending you a copy separately. If you can do the review for us, fine; otherwise, I will be glad to know that you have the book, for I think you will appreciate it.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Under separate cover/Now is the Time

February 23, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on
Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

Missed you yesterday. All went beautifully. Will write in detail when moment allows.

I carried up fifty Answers for Action, and mailed them to you from Richmond for you to give to Miss Marx. Please do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 23, 1955

Mrs. Helen Schwartz
Jewish Community Relations Council
602 Fullerton Building
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Helen:

We are all cheered by the good things that are going forward in St. Louis and, unless forbidden to do so, I will continue to attribute a share of the credit to you.

Surely the readers of New South should have more than a casual account of how desegregation was advanced there and how it is progressing. I am not well enough informed myself to do even a suggestive outline of such an article but I am sure you would know what it should be.

Any chance of your doing such a piece for us of about 1000 to 1500 words within, say, the next month? New South is still dependent on charity for its contributions, but at least we are providing a little more attractive setting for the material and a good deal more promotion of the indivudual issues.

Do write me that you will take it on. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
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February 23, 1955

Mrs. John W. Curry
163 South Cort Street
Florence, S.C.

Your reservation Holmes Hall Clark College.

Mrs. M.L. Tilly

February 24, 1955

Mrs. Alfred Fernbach
University of Virginia
Community Services
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Mrs. Fernbach:

We are sending the following items under separate cover:

3 copies "Your Community Looks at Itself"
3 copies "Greenville's Big Idea" -- 1 copy mimeographed follow-up report on Greenville
1 copy "Shreveport Story"
1 copy "Toward Better Understanding" (Dallas report)

I also included a copy of the full report on Jacksonville's self-survey, since the popular version which SRC distributed is now exhausted. This is sent to you on loan, and we would appreciate your returning it as soon as you have drawn all the information you need from it.

You can obtain more information on the Greenville study from Harold J. Weekley, Executive Secretary of the Greenville Community Council, 112 W. McBee Ave., Greenville, S. C. The group who made the survey publish an annual follow-up progress report, and while we do not have the 1954 report for distribution, I am sure you could get a copy from Mr. Weekley.

We are down to three or four copies of both the Shreveport and the Dallas reports, so I sent only the one copy of each. You can possibly still get copies of the "Shreveport Story" from Mrs. Elsie Larson Wilson, Council of Social Agencies, 715 Travis St., Shreveport, La. If you write to her, you might also ask for the full mimeographed version of their self-survey report. I am enclosing five sample copies of the schedule the Shreveport group used in their house-to-house canvas and would also like to call your attention to an article on the Shreveport survey, "Shreveport: All-American City," which appeared in the February, 1954 Municipal South. Edward R. Murrow did a TV program on the Shreveport survey in 1953 which is possibly available for community use. If you are interested, I would suggest that you write directly to CBS inquiring about it.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

February 24, 1955

Mr. William Van Til
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Van Til:

I dictated what I suppose will have to pass for a speech for the joint meetings of the John Dewey Society and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development on the evening of March 5th.

Here's a copy.

I had a letter, February 16th, from Ivan A. Booker, Assistant Director, NEA Division of Press and Radio Relations in Washington, asking that I shoo on to him pronto the speech to be made that night March 5th for the John Dewey Society in conjunction with the other one. He went on to say that the matter involved "public questions of great importance. The newspapers should be more than usually interested. We can serve them most effectively by having manuscripts of speeches in advance of delivery." Your letter implies that the press is not going to like us. If you need to be in touch with Booker, I assume that Booker is to be reached for a few days more at the National Education Association of the United States, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W. Washington. He gave his address in Chicago as: Convention Press and Radio Service, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Conrad Hilton Hotel, marked Hold for Arrival.

Anyway, I have sent Booker a copy and you a copy, and I will be there in your room at 7:30 before the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

February 24, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the check for $16.00, which I turned over to the Southern Regional Council which had floated me.

I will look on the next monthly report to see how many brand new members you have got. And I heard from Mrs. Tilly that you got some more at Tuskegee a few days after.

Will look for Wadley news a little later.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 24, 1955

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

They have got me tied up with a Chicago trip in mid-March, so I won't be at the Clearing House meeting on March 17th. But I am sending to the meeting my able assistant, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton. If you want her to be on the panel, write to her. She was for years Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League.

Do help us get Changing Patterns a'moving.

I wish I could be at the meeting, but I can't help myself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 24, 1955

Miss Estell Clemmons
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Clemmons:

In response to your telephone call of several days ago, I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Mays' "Why An Atlanta School Suit?"

I have checked through all back issues of our publication NEW SOUTH and there are no other articles available which would be suitable for your bibliography.

Other items you m ght wi sh to include are listed below. I have not included any of the Atlanta Urban League's reports, since you planned to contact them.

Georgia Tech Planning Studies. South Prior Road. Atlanta, Ga.: Georgia Tech, Winter, 1950

Metropolitan Planning Commission. Metropolitan Atlanta. A Factual Inventory. Atlanta, Ga.: The Commission, October, 1950

_____. Up Ahead. A Regional Land Use Plan for Metropolitan Atlanta. Atlanta, Ga.: The Commission, February, 1950

Pierce, Joseph A. The Atlanta Negro. A Collection of Data on the Negro Population of Atlanta, Georgia. Washington, D. C.: American Youth Commission of the American Council on Education in Cooperation with the National Youth Administration for Georgia, June, 1940

Social Planning Council, Atlanta, Ga. "Some Characteristics of Nine Neighborhoods of Atlanta, Georgia, 1940." Unpublished study of the Social Planning Council, April, 1945.

_____. A Report on Health and Welfare in DeKalb and Fulton Counties. Atlanta, Ga.: Social Planning Council, February, 1943

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

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file copy

February 24, 1955

Miss Audra Brazelton
830 College Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Brazelton:

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council, held in 1953, conditionally adopted new by-laws and authorized the Executive Committee to put them into effect at a later date. The Executive Committee did so in April, 1954.

The new by-laws converted the Southern Regional Council into a Board of Directors made up of fifty persons elected by the 1953 membership meeting; plus officers, plus two persons from each state organization affiliated with SRC. Which is to say that SRC proposed handing over its members in the states to state organizations.

In the Summer months of 1954, the South Carolina Division of SRC, (of which, of course, our Rock Hill friends were members), prepared matters for taking on paid staff and for assuming the task of billing and increasing its own state-wide membership. Along about October 1st, it employed Mrs. Alice Spearman as its Executive Director, and opened an office a bit later at 1508 Lady Street in Columbia, where the telephone is 6-8808.

The South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council some months ago altered its name to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. I assume that at each stage of this change that called for action by members of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council that all members were notified. I know that we supplied the South Carolina Division earlier with our current list of its members.

It seems to me that the group in Rock Hill should be the Rock Hill chapter of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

You certainly should not cease to function, though I could see circumstances in which you might consider that the official committee appointed by the Mayor of Rock Hill would be deemed largely to take the place of the Rock Hill chapter of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. But I shouldn't think so.

Except that we are all good friends, I don't know of any special organizational relationship between the group in Rock Hill and the Atlanta office of SRC. You are part of the SCCHR which is affiliated with the SRC.

We will give you any suggestions, or do you any favors you ever ask us to do. Only exception will be in case the SCCHR said that your request was outrageous or rebellious, which is unlikely.

All members of the SCCHR are subscribers to New South and, presumably, have been receiving it, and will continue to receive it. Of any dues paid by Rock Hill or other South Carolina members prior to November, 1954, one-half was retained in this office as subscriptions to New South, and one-half was returned to the treasury of the South Carolina Division of SRC. After that date, any dues collected by the South Carolina organization have been retained entirely by that organization except for deduction of New South subscriptions to this office.

I send you five leaflets which briefly explain the new arrangement, plus a copy of the by-laws as now in force.

Do be in touch with Mrs. Spearman and your own state office. She will cherish and help you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.
cc: Mrs. Alice M. Spearman

bc: CHP
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

830 College Avenue
Rock Hill, S. C.
Feb. 19, 1955

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

At the recent meeting of our local inter-racial group, formerly considered, I believe, to be a branch or chapter of the Southern Regional Council there arose a discussion of our relationship with the Southern Regional Council whose headquarters are in Atlanta and with the state division.

Some of the specific questions asked include:

Are we now a part of the Southern Regional Co ncil?
If so, what is our proper name? Responsibilities?
If not, do we cease to function in conjunction with the major organization?
What is the relationship between the Atlanta office and the state office?
Does the regional organization plan to make any use or offer any services to the local organization?
What becomes of the dues paid?
How is the state and regional work to be financed?

Perhaps you have some literature which will help answer these and other questions about the organization and structure of the Council as it is now set up. If so, we will be glad to receive it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/
Audra Brazelton

February 24, 1955

Mrs. A. L. Brody
5463 Cornell Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Brody:

Nice to have Miss Stein's letter with news of your possible interest in getting together a group interested in the things SRC is interested in.

I am in Cincinnati for an evening engagement, Tuesday, March 15th. I will probably take a sleeper to Chicago that night. First known Chicago engagement is at a dinner in the evening of Wednesday, March 16th. Then on Thursday, March 17th, I talk at luncheon to the Chicago chapter of the American Jewish Committee, and that evening to a similar group in Milwaukee. Then I start home. My latest free time is for the forenoon or afternoon of Wednesday, March 16th. But if I should stay over to be at your service Friday, March 18th, of course I would be glad to stay.

You do whatever seems wisest and let me know.

We must have many friends in common, because I never get to Chicago without rejoicing in the things that the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community group does.

'Tis true that I am to be in Chicago March 5th, 6th, and 7th. I have got to turn up at 8:00 Sunday night, March 6th at some forum, but I am scot free Sunday afternoon, March 6th, if that would be a proper time.

Kind of you to bother about what to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 24, 1955

Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Thank you so much for sending the generous supply of "Southern Catholic Schools in Lead in Putting Court Segregation Ban in Effect" (News release of Sept. 13, 1954). We find it a most useful summary.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

February 25, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

Some further report on the Virginia meeting.

They invited forty-nine. About thirty-one or two said that they would serve. Twenty or so came to the luncheon, plus a few others from here, or people who had been on the Nominating Committee. No empty chairs at the lunch table!

Excellent attendance from distant points in the state: Norfolk, Fredericksburg, Ashland, Lynchburg, and Danville. Richmond delegation not unduly heavy. The A.F. of L. man came, though he hadn't yet cleared permission to be in the group. The C.I.O. man was out of town -- Ted DuCuennois. Well rounded group who had accepted membership. Church leaders valuably known among the Methodists, the Baptists, the Presbyterians, and the 'Piscohopes. Bishop Hodges and Monsignor ~~Monseigneur~~ Flaherty helpfully and pleasantly participating. Parsons a'plenty, white and Negro. Mrs Boyle down from Charlottesville crowned with SEP laurels.

Paul Williams had an author in town and couldn't be at the meeting, but I talked with him afterwards. Our man, C. H. Parrish, from Kentucky, set the tenor of the meeting -- none of our problems were beyond solution by people meeting and working together in simple equality.

They unanimously resolved themselves into a Virginia Council on Human Relations. They elected Reverend W. Carroll Brooke of Staunton temporary chairman. They named three committees -- one on By-Laws, of which Mr. Roland D. Ealey of Richmond is chairman, one on Personnel, of which Dr. J. Earl Moreland of Ashland is chairman, and one on Nominations of which Mr. T. H. Henderson of Richmond is chairman. ~~Monseigneur~~ Monsignor Flaherty is a member of the Nominating Committee.

Lunch was over and everybody had gone by 12:32 p.m. I call that expeditious business.

So far as I know, the next time I get to Washington is April 13th, when I am speaking for something called the Associated Church Press, which is having a Convention in that city.

By the way, the prognosis on action out of the Virginia Council on Human Relations was "after Lent."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 25, 1955

Miss Sophie Van S. Thies
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Van Thies:

I send you a couple of copies of the January and February issues of New South. You will see that each reflects already the more costly job of printing and makeup which the Marshall Field grant enables; and we expect that in the coming months we can bring about a notable improvement in coverage with the proceeds of the Doris Duke Fund's mighty helpful grant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encls.
GSM/eab

February 25, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

To be sure that you get them, I send you directly the January and February issues of New South. They show a remarkable perk-up in format, and some in ideas.

As the months go by we will try to make the magazine live up to its new opportunities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GSM/eab

February 25, 1955

(Dictated February 24)

Mr. Carroll Brooks
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Pro forma at this time, but for your careful scrutiny when you come into the time, I send you a set of the leading memoranda which have described to state groups the relationship with them of this Atlanta office of the SRC. Indeed I send you two sets in order that you may have one for yourself, and another to hand to whomever you ultimately select in Virginia as the paid executive.

Along with the two sets of memos come a single example of the monthly reporting form on money and the monthly reporting form on New South subscriptions.

No action is needed out of this about any of these items, except to look through them and absorb as much detail as you wish.

I continue to be gratified with the meeting the other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls - 2 sets of Memos 1-11

cc: CHP
FBR

February 25, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

We want you to be on our Board, and wrote you January 14th. Do have your secretary dig up the letter and write us that it is all right with you. We need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 25, 1955

Reverend Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

I had a letter from Harry Roberts on February 9th, written, I daresay, in his capacity as a member of the Nominating Committee, recalling the fact that he thought highly of Dr. Kernodle, Head of the Department of Sociology at William and Mary.

Roberts said that Kernodle has had William and Mary students to do a study on the social conditions of Negroes in that area. And Roberts said that he, Roberts, thought Kernodle would be a good person on the Virginia Council on Human Relations, when and if a vacancy came along.

I pass this information on to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

Copy of this corres. in
Arkansas State Div. File

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

February 25, 1955

Mr. Emmett Jefferson Murphy
Institute of African-American Relations, Inc.
732 Twenty-Third Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear E. Jefferson:

True that the Arkansas Council on Human Relations is looking for an Executive Director. We will be supplying the greater part of the funds for that Council as well as for eleven others in Southern states. The budget which we have suggested to state groups contains $5,000 for the salary of the Executive Director, and $2500 toward the equal salary of an Associate. Plus sums barely enough to pay for a clerk and some rent and a desk and a telephone and some travel. Each state outfit has to raise some money, beginning with a little and going up, in the third year, to around $6,000.

Each outfit has set up its own Personnel Committee, and is doing its own engaging. We have a veto power over people the states propose to pick, but we have been careful not to tell them who they ought to take.

So, all I can say is that it is up to them to do what they want, and they can be expected to do a careful job of choosing. So far as I am concerned I would like to work with you, but the whole business is up to the Arkansas group.

Presumably, each one of these state shows will have subsidy aid for three years, and thereafter will be on its own.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Fred Darragh

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CHP

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INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, INC.

732 - 23rd Street, N. W. DIstrict 7-5971 Washington 7, D. C.

February 20, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
The Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

One of my professors at the University of Chicago just sent me a notice that the Arkansas Council on Human Relations is seeking a man for Executive Director. I have just written a letter to Rev. Cartwright to tell him I would like to be considered for the job. I don't know that you will be doing any of the selecting, but I am sure thatyour opinion would be listened to.

I am very interested in the job for a multitude of reasons. One big reason is that I want to get back to the South to see if my talents would be of any help. I can never quite rid myself of a slight feeling of guilt over not using my education, training, and ability where I come from. Another reason is that, although I expect to continue my contact with African affairs, I would like to do it from a footing in the South. In my present job, which I find very satisfying, I am almost completely out of touch with the South, its affairs, and its problems, and I feel left out of history. Another reason is that I think the job would be more materially satisfactory: salary, cost of living, style of living, sociability with the people, etc. And another reason is that I think I could do a good job satisfying both to myself and to the people for whom I would be working. I am pleased with the job I am doing for the Institute, but I think I could do an even better job for the Council.

If you have any contact with this business, I would appreciate it very deeply if you would think about my application and recommend me if you agree with me that I would do a good job. I don't know all the details of what would be involved in the work, but from the brief description I have I am very anxious to consider it further and to be considered for it. I listed you and Guy Johnson as references, so you might be contacted soon in any case, if no one has yet been found.

I enjoyed very much seeing you here, although I wish you could have stayed with us longer.

Very sincerely,

/s/Murphy

Emmett Jefferson Murphy

February 25, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

This man and I have some pleasant acquaintance , and he wrote and asked me what the Arkansas job was all about. His University of Chicago people had told him of it. I have answered thus carefully, I hope. Good and acceptable person, but emphatically I interfere in no wise with Arkansas' own decision.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

February 25, 1955

(Dictated February 24)

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In writing today to Carroll Brooke, I drew his attention to the fact that you had written me February 9th that Kernodle at William and Mary was a good guy, and should be considered for any proximate vacancy on the Virginia Council.

A delight to see you the other day, and I am only sorry that we didn't have a proper visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 25, 1955

(Dictated February 23)

Reverend Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

I thought everything yesterday went admirably, and we are deeply grateful to you for your interest and effectiveness in it.

Here, for the record, is my note to SRC files as to yesterday's proceedings. Emphatically, this should not be the minutes. Mr. Walker will doubtless supply you with minutes. But I thought you would like to have my records for a close check.

One small matter should be borne in mind for the next, or some subsequent, meetings. Emerson Smith had been in touch with the ADL man in Richmond as to who would be suitable nominees from their group for the Virginia Council on Human Relations. The ADL named four or five people. The Nominating Committee raised those names late in its meeting. They did not know any of the people and skipped over them all to nominate Emrock, an admirable nomination agreeable to everyone. But I noticed that none of those that the ADL had put up did get nominated. So, I dropped in yesterday afternoon on the ADL man and mentioned the matter and asked who they would think would be a suitable nominee for any next coming enlargement. They said Lee Kanter, Citizens Bank Building, Norfolk, Virginia. I would trust their judgement on this matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

February 25, 1955

(Dictated February 24)

Mr. R. B. Eleazer
213 Mocking Bird Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

Yesterday I had a visit from a lawyer in a Southern city who nowadays intimately advises a company having a large and important government contract. He was finding it needful to refresh his viewpoints on matters of race.

He remembered that in his student YMCA days he had been to meetings where you had put some right points of view which had impressed him. And when he had need of more knowledge he ran down the threads of that and came to us.

I thought you and Mrs. Eleazer ought to know of this tiny tangible evidence of this spread-out of what you worked at so well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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2/25/55

An original of this ltr. to:

Robert Hughes
Guy H. Wells
Margaret Dagen
Milton Vigo
Mrs. M. S. Lyells
Rev. Harry S. Jones
Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Mr. Thomas Sutherland

February 25, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I am just back from a day at one of the schools currently going in the South; the Southern Police Institute at Louisville, Kentucky. This is an excellent agency, cordially disposed toward us and established with the advice of many of our friends. It trains police officials, mainly Southern, in normal police skills with good dashes of human relations put in. The head of it is Colonel David A. McCandless, and they are quartered at the University of Louisville. Mr. C. H. Parrish of our staff is in close touch with the Southern Police Institute.

I am the more encouraged from the conversations with the various police officials to write you and ask that you make it your business and the business of your agency to build a cordial working relationship with senior police officials in the principal cities in your state.

The notion of a working relationship between police officials and human relations agencies is in some spots novel. One of the things we all agreed on was that it is wise for friendships to be made before trouble comes.

Also, we agreed that whoever, being private citizen or police official, first perceives a problem coming up has the duty to be in touch with the other.

I think in most states we are the ones who will first perceive opportunities and needs coming ahead, so the bee is on us to go and see some Chiefs in our areas and simply tell them who and what we are and swap telephone numbers and make friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mr. David A. McCandless
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. McCandless:

I have sent out the attached letter to each of the paid staff persons in the various state human relations organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

Their addresses are as follows:

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Secretary
The Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dr. Guy H. Wells
Executive Secretary
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
Executive Secretary, Ky. Council on Human Relations
1579 Parsons Place, N. W. - Apt. 5
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
Executive Secretary
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Mrs. M. S. Lyells
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

February 28, 1955

Mr. Alfred W. Hobart
Unitarian Church
50 Oak Street
Crestline Heights
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hobart:

In 1951 as the result of a series of conferences by a sub-committee of the Board, the Southern Regional Council's Board, and then its membership, adopted the enclosed policy statement, putting us on record against segregation.

I send that statement and some of our recent publications which should be helpful.

I rejoice to see the new spirit moving in Birmingham. Goodness knows good causes have been repressed in the city for long enough.

Do build a local group. We will help in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:
1951 policy statement
Answers for Action
New South (last three issues)
Questions and Answers

February 28, 1955

Miss Mary Beauchamp
New York University
School of Education
Center for Human Relations Studies
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Miss Beauchamp:

The best thing I can give you are two recent pamphlets, which are being mailed to you at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Answers for Action sells for 20¢ and Changing Patterns sells for 50¢.

Look through them and you will agree that they are good.

Here's hoping we all have a pleasant session in Chicago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under separate cover, to Conrad Hilton Hotel:
Answers for Action: Schools in the South
Changing Patterns in the New South

February 28, 1955

B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Most kind of you.

We have stuck mighty firmly to the full 50¢ price for Changing Patterns in the New South. But we will send you a hundred on consignment postpaid, billing them to you at 42¢ each. You are then in position to send them out to people who order them from you, and who send you 50¢. Postage on each copy at book rate is 8¢.

So, here come a hundred and a technical bill for $42.00. Send us as much money as you realize from the hundred books, (postage and carriage at your expense) and return the remainder.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Ruth Alexander -- to send books and bill.

February 28, 1955

Reverend Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

I telephoned you today but found you in Richmond, expected back on Wednesday. So I lay my matter before you and ask your advice.

For years and years the old Board of Women's Work made an annual contribution of $25.00 to the Southern Regional Council. Last year Miss Quidor wrote us that with the administrative changes they no longer had a budget from which we could be helped in that way.

It has been the case now for four or five years that the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., through its Board of National Missions, makes an annual contribution of $250 to SRC.

I wondered whether the $200 which the Board of Church Extension in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. so kindly makes available to SRC each year might be upped to $250. This would confer the triple boon of replacing and overtopping what the Board of Women's Work used to give us; equalling the grant from the Northern Church; and still more substantially helping us.

If we are too late with this proposal to make any headway in the 1955 budgets (and I would hope that we are not), do ticket the matter to come up before the right groups for next year.

Or if I should write differently and to others in order to have the matter officially considered, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: KS

February 28, 1955

Mr. John Slawson
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Slawson:

This year, 1955, the ILGWU very kindly sent its $500 check to SRC in response to my usual January letter of request. You will recall that in previous years your good offices in this matter were needed, and were deeply appreciated.

I merely write this time to say that we won't have to call on you in 1955 for that help. But I appreciate knowing that your willingness to be helpful is always there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

How extremely kind that is of the ILGWU to send us its check for $500, received today. It helps us enormously to have you standing behind us in this way.

Happily, things now begin really to move.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - official receipt

bc: Mr. Arthur A. Elder

February 28, 1955

Mr. Alexander E. Sharp
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Sharp:

We are extremely grateful for the kind contribution of $250 from the Board, received the other day.

It helps us enormously to know that you stand behind us.

Incidentally, I have opened correspondence with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. to get them to add moderately to their contribution so as to make it even steven each year with yours!

Things are moving hereabouts, and we think the money goes to good effect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl - official receipt of SRC
cc: KS

February 28, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Church
Post Office Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

Thanks for your letter of February 28th. I agree that all went beautifully.

Would it not be well if you wrote Colgate Darden and drew attention to the fact that the newspaper story made that error?

Quite all right to obtain secretarial services and cover the matter on an expense account to us. We would hesitate to make a commitment in excess of say $40.00, but what seems reasonable and necessary we will help with.

Similarly for your stamps and stationary supplied during this organizational period for the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS - for approval.
+ Brooke's expense account for organizational meeting enclosed.

February 28, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

All my travel for the next month is out the other way to Chicago and Cincinnati.

Technically, I am available untravelled between March 10th or March 14th, and after March 18th up until the 25th or the 26th. And again from March 30th.

My first trip in your direction is Wednesday, April 13th, when I have to be in Washington for a meeting of the Associated Church Press. Would that April 13th period be too late for the Montgomery County people? If it is, pick an earlier one, but it would mean at their expense.

In any case, I hear from John Hope that you and I and John are likely to be in conference pretty soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mrs. Kenneth Parker
Plainville Road
La Grange, Illinois

Dear The Parkers:

Somebody promised to have a minor money-raising occasion for me and picked as the time and place for it the ~~before~~ after-church hour at the Unitarian Church out near the University of Chicago at 12:15 p.m., Sunday, March 6th. It was suggested that I might come to the Church at 11:00 a.m., but with visions of the Parker household all astir in the dawnings to put the man Mitchell on the morning train, I begged off of the church business, and I am in good shape for catching a 10:51 Sunday morning train to Chicago.

But that has the dismal effect of destroying church-going with the Parkers.

The good lady offered about four times when we could have some forgathering, and this was the only one which would match at all, so I took it.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mrs. A. L. Brody
5463 Cornell Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Brody:

It looks like our one workable time to match up is Sunday, March 6th, and for after the service at the First Unitarian Church at Fifty-Seventh and Woodlawn Avenue. I will be staying with friends in Hinsdale, and I am reluctant to get the household astir in time to put me on a Sunday morning train which will get me back into town for Sunday morning service at 11:00. Suppose we settle that I will show at the Church building at 12:15, and then we are there together for a bite to eat and I will do as much talking as you wish.

The 18th means staying over an extra day when I will have already been out of the office unduly long. I am accustomed to praising everywhere what the Hyde Park-Kenwood community group has done. But you are so far ahead of what can happen hereabouts that I can contribute no experience or advice to that effort.

The two possibilities of Saturday and Monday evening, March 5th and 7th, sound most inviting, but they exactly coincide with two speeches I have got to make for the education meetings.

So, if it is all right, we will settle on Sunday, March 6th, at 12:15 at the Unitarian Church, and then and there I will be looking forward to meeting you and Mr. Brody.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

TO: KS

Will you look up the history of the contributions to us from the Board of Women's work in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. I believe that if we write them and ask for $25.00 or $50.00 (which?), we will get it this year.

GSM

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

To: KS

Here's Mr. W. T. Smith's receipt for $7.50 cash which I paid him for overhauling my personally-owned Corona, which has these ten years past been used exclusively on SRC business and, let us hope, some years to come.

GSM

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Miss Emily L. Warrick
703 West Clay Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Miss Warrick:

Kind of you to write. I do hope the new group in Virginia will do a good deal to fill up the void in what should be done in the state. It is an able and trustworthy group of people, intending to do things that are principled.

I confess that it is set up as a Council of thirty or forty people, who, by present intent, will be its only full voting members. They are people, however, very carefully chosen to represent a broad variety of interest groups in the state -- each major religious group, the NAACP, the Urban League, the National Council of Negro Women, the teachers, the sociologists, business people, agriculture, etc. They will want some hundreds, at least, of people over the state to be associate members of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Each such member will receive the SRC magazine, New South, as heretofore, and will have the satisfaction of knowing that he or she is helping the Virginia Council directly.

For the time being, things are as they were, with you and other Virginians remaining members of the SRC directly. But as soon as the Virginia Council on Human Relations is organized and staffed, it will, I assume, write each SRC member in the state and ask them to be associate members of the Virginia Council.

We are rather proud of Changing Patterns in the New South, and thought it probably the best publication we have ever put out.

I am trying to get together a peppy speech for the Forum, and will look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mr. Theodore Freedman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
1101 Blodgett Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Ted:

Anna Holden is our survey expert, and she will write you and send you all the things.

I do hope the women will make something work.

Any of us at SRC are ready to help at any time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mr. Charles M. Gore
Law Offices
Gore, Gore & McIntyre
Bristol, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gore:

I enjoyed the visit from you and from Mr. Manney, and will be interested in knowing sometime years from now how things turned out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
The Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Very much appreciation for the careful and completely satisfying report on the matter of Southern Union College. I telephoned up the facts and they were received with welcome.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Dear Mr. Freeman:

The book was published in England. I daresay that there are almost no copies of it in this country, and I have sent mine on to you for you to look through and ultimately send back.

Great stretches of it are dullish detail about Burma or Java, but in chapters, earlier or later, he really talks about policy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. A. M. Freeman
201 Boundary Street
Montevalla, ~~Florida~~
Alabama

self-addressed postcard from Mr. Freeman.

GSM/eab

February 28, 1955

Mr. Randolph Odell
Commissioner of Parks
Dept. of Conservation and Development
Richmond 19, Va.

Dear Mr. Odell:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I enclose three copies of our 1954 report on Negro state parks in the South, "State Parks for Negroes--New Tests of Equality."

You were most helpful in supplying information for the study at the time we were gathering data, and I would like to thank you again for your assistance. Through an oversight you were not sent copies immediately upon publication.

Should you want additional copies of the park report, we will be happy to fill your order. Single copies are available at ten cents each, and there is a special quantity rate of eight cents each for orders of one hundred or more.

For your information, I am also enclosing a reprint of a recent article, "Segregation and Public Recreation," by Mr. Robert B. McKay, professor of law at New York University. Mr. McKay's article originally appeared in the October, 1954 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

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THE ST. LOUIS STORY

The Integration of A Public School System

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY, 1955

FOREWORD

Since immediately after the Supreme Court of the United States handed down its historic opinions of May 17, 1954, our office has received inquiries from all sections of the country as to what the Board of Education is planning and doing relative to desegregation of the schools under its control. Most of these inquiries have come from educators in other systems, from professional associations or committees concerned with educational problems, from graduate students of education, and from organizations interested in more or less related social problems.

In order to answer as factually as possible the questions more frequently raised and to share and exchange the essence of our experience in integration with others who, like us, are seeking to comply with the edict of our highest court, we have prepared this resumé of how our Board of Education has planned to bring about the transition and what has thus far been accomplished towards this end. It is, in broad outline, the St. Louis story of progress in the integration of its public schools. We trust that it will give those inquiring a general concept of what is in process here with respect to implementation of the Supreme Court's decision.

PHILIP J. HICKEY
Superintendent of Instruction
St. Louis, Missouri

THE SAINT LOUIS STORY

THE INTEGRATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

I. The Supreme Court Renders Its Decision of May 17, 1954.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States declared unanimously and unequivocally that racial segregation in public education is in violation of the American Constitution. In the course of the two opinions on this issue handed down on that date, the Justices pointed out that children of a minority group forced to attend segregated public schools were being denied the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment and that they were being deprived of liberty without due process of law in violation of the Fifth Amendment.

The opinion in the case of Brown et al vs. Board of Education of Topeka et al - which challenged the validity of public school segregation in the states - is based on the findings of modern psychology. To separate Negro children, it points out, "from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone." Considerations of this kind, it says, "apply with added force to children in grade and high school."

It further elaborates this point in the following language: "Segregation of white and colored children in public schools has a detrimental effect upon the colored children. The impact is greater when it has the sanction of the law; for the policy of separating the races is usually interpreted as denoting the inferiority of the Negro group. A sense of inferiority affects the motivation of a child to learn. Segregation with the sanction of the law, therefore, has a tendency to retard the educational and mental development of Negro children and to deprive them of some of the benefits they would receive in a racially integrated school system."

"Whatever may have been the extent of psychological knowledge at the time of Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) this finding is amply supported by modern authority. Any language in Plessy v. Ferguson contrary to this finding is rejected."

In regard to the equality or inequality of tangible factors, the issue is clearly stated and squarely met: "We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other 'tangible factors' may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does."

And finally, "We conclude that in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. Therefore we hold that the plaintiffs and other similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment."

The Negro child, the Court held, must be protected from being placed in a situation which creates in him a feeling of inferiority which in turn retards his educational and mental development.

In the case of Bolling v. Sharpe - which challenged the validity of public school segregation in the District of Columbia - the Court ruled that denial to a Negro child of the right to attend a public school on the same basis as any other child was to deprive him of liberty without due process of law.

"Liberty under law extends to the full range of conduct which the individual is free to pursue, and it cannot be restricted except for a proper governmental objective. Segregation in public education is not reasonably related to any proper governmental objective and thus it imposes on Negro children of the District of

Columbia a burden that constitutes an arbitrary deprivation of their liberty in violation of the Due Process Clause."

"We hold that racial segregation in the public schools of the District of Columbia is a denial of the due process of law guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution."

Thus the decisions were based on spiritual and mental rather than physical grounds. They said that though the tangible features of legally segregated public schools for children of a minority group may be equal or even superior, the fact of segregation *per se* makes them inferior. They affirmed without qualification the constitutional right of all American children to equal protection of the laws and to freedom under the law as far as public school attendance is concerned.

II. The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis Meets, June 22, 1954. Factors Making for Readiness of St. Louis for the Decision.

When the decision was announced, the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis and Boards of Education of a number of other localities in Missouri and elsewhere, immediately began to plan to integrate. On June 17, 1954, one month after the date of the decision, a letter was written each member of the Board by its secretary calling a Special Meeting "for the purpose of considering and acting upon the question of desegregation of the schools operated by said Board in the City of St. Louis, as a result of opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of *Brown et al vs. Board of Education of Topeka et al*". This immediate action of the Board symbolized the readiness of the St. Louis community and the St. Louis Public Schools for the change-over.

A number of factors accounted for this readiness. In the first place, the St. Louis community itself had been experiencing a process of democratization over a period of the past ten years. Some examples of this had

been (a) condemnation of segregation by the Metropolitan Church Federation and application of the principle of integration in its own organization, (b) emphasis in Catholic churches on the fact that segregation was contrary to Christianity and welcoming of Negro members to unsegregated participation in all phases of church life, (c) desegregation of St. Louis University, (d) desegregation of Catholic elementary and high schools, (e) desegregation of Washington University, (f) increasing desegregation of leading hotels of the city, (g) desegregation of St. Louis' largest legitimate theater, (h) considerable desegregation of housing as a result of the Supreme Court's decision that restrictive covenant classes banning sale of property to Negroes were unenforceable in the courts, and (i) considerable desegregation of employment as illustrated by the hiring of numbers of Negro street car and bus operators.

All changes of this kind had received the strong endorsements of both the Protestant and Catholic Churches and were topics of commendatory editorials on the part of the local press. They had also been specific objectives of a number of social agencies. Thus during the past ten years, the St. Louis community has been in the process of rejecting the principle of segregation and adopting the principle of integration. The Supreme Court's decision was therefore consistent with rather than contrary to the pattern of thought and action which had characterized the progress of the city for the past decade.

A second important factor making for readiness to accept the decision is that there had been over this same period increasing integration of public school teachers and principals of St. Louis in the performance of their professional duties and the operation of their professional organizations. For many years courses of study have been written and textbooks selected for the St. Louis Public Schools by integrated committees of teachers and principals;

The city-wide Elementary School Principals Association has always included Negroes in its membership and has during the past few years operated on an integrated basis to a greater extent than previously. As a matter of fact, the present president of this organization happens to be a Negro. Other professional groups, such as the Association for Childhood Education have been more or less completely integrated themselves and active in promoting integration in all professional undertakings.

In 1949, the Missouri State Teachers Association admitted Negro teachers to membership. From that time on, this association, as well as its local subsidiary, has operated on a non-segrated basis. Several years ago, an Intergroup Education Association of teachers and principals - with a present membership of 525 persons - was organized for the purpose of improving the teaching of human relations in the schools. This, of course, was also an integrated group. When the decision came, therefore, the educators of Missouri had already officially rejected the principle of racial segregation in their relationships with one another and were at work implementing the principle of integration in their own ranks.

A third and by no means least important factor which made for readiness to accept and implement the decision on the part of students particularly has been the development over the past ten years of a city-wide human relations program conducted on a scientific basis and under expert leadership. Promotion of wholesome human relations has of course always been a primary concern of good teachers everywhere and various methods of accomplishing this objective have been used with educative results throughout the history of the St. Louis Public Schools. The present systematic approach to the problem dates from the winter of 1944-45, when a curriculum committee on Intercultural Relations was appointed to serve in the social studies area of the Courses of Study Council.----------In May, 1945,

the St. Louis Public School System was invited to become a participating system in an eighteen-city experimental study of intergroup education being made by the American Council on Education. The invitation was accepted and active participation began in November, 1945, with the visit to St. Louis of Dr. Hilda Taba, National Director of the Study, Mr. Herbert Walther, Co-ordinator, and Mr. John Robinson, Consultant. From its inception, Mr. Frank Sskwor, now of the faculty of Harris Teachers College, served as local co-ordinator of the project.

This experiment has grown into a systematic human relations program of far-reaching proportions, the purpose of which has been to discover effective means of promoting goodwill and understanding among the various groups of people living in St. Louis. It has concentrated upon the problem of educating boys and girls to live together co-operatively and with mutual understanding and appreciation of each other. This has been attempted partially by direct projects with boys and girls and partially by helping teachers perfect their skills in teaching human relations. From the curricular point of view, the approach has not been the offering of separate courses in human relations but the introduction of materials and techniques in the various areas of learning - art, literature, music, science, etc. - which would conduce to the improvement of human relations. From the extracurricular point of view, some activities found effective have been auditorium programs presented at one high school by pupils of another; formation of an all-city student council meeting monthly to discuss matters of common interest to all teenagers; an intergroup youth conference sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in co-operation with public, private, and parochial schools from the city and county, in which one hundred adult leaders from all walks of life have participated as resource people; interracial letter-writing between schools; and interracial

high school athletic events.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the work in this human relations program has been helping teachers acquire skills in assisting pupils to overcome artificial barriers to the acceptance of each individual on his own merits. Well over a hundred St. Louis teachers have attended summer workshops in intergroup education at such places as Washington University, St. Louis University, Harvard, Denver University, Northwestern University, and The University of Chicago, many of them going on scholarships awarded through the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A full-time consultant in human relations has devoted a major portion of his time and energies to helping teachers guide pupils in the art of co-operative living. As has been previously mentioned, an Intergroup Education Association, with a membership of 525 teachers, administrators, and consultants has been formed for the purpose of improving efficiency in this area. This systematic, city-wide program in teaching children the worth and dignity of the individual, which from the point of view of education for good American citizenship it was essential to carry on whether segregation continued or not, has been productive of attitudes and goodwill which greatly facilitated the acceptance and implementation of the Supreme Court's decision. The immediate action of the Board of Education in calling a Special Meeting to consider such implementation, therefore, was symbolic not only of the readiness for integration of the community as a whole and the teaching corps as a whole but of the students as well.

III. The Board of Education Adopts a Program for Integration of the St. Louis Public Schools.

At this meeting of June 22, 1954, the Board - as elected representatives of the St. Louis community - officially and unanimously adopted a program for integration of the schools under its control by steps, to be begun in September, 1954, and completed by September,

1955. A reason for making the transition by steps over the period of a year was that considerable detail work had to be done in regard to such matters as the drawing of new school district boundaries, assignment of teachers and pupils and other personnel, transfer of books and materials, and transmission of information to parents. To do this work properly required time. Another advantage of integrating the system by steps was that a major portion of administrative attention could then be concentrated on the particular schools being integrated at the time they were being integrated, thus making possible a better supervisory job.

This plan, unanimously approved by the Board, provided (a) for integration of colleges and of special schools and classes in September, 1954; (b) for integration of all high schools under the Board's control, except the technical high schools, and integration of the adult education program at the beginning of the second semester, January 31, 1955; and (c) integration of technical high schools and integration of regular elementary schools in September, 1955.

It stipulated that integrated boundary lines for the general high schools be published by November 15, 1954, and for elementary schools by February 1, 1955. Students, under the plan, are required to attend schools according to these boundaries with the exceptions that (a) the proper school authorities may transfer students from one district to another to relieve overcrowding, and (b) students already enrolled in a school but not resident in its new district may, but are not required to, continue at that school until they graduate, provided the school is not overcrowded.

The plan further stipulated (a) that tenure rights of certificated employees will be preserved, (b) that whenever possible, employees will retain their present assignments, being transferred only to meet the needs of the service, (c) that when vacancies occur employees will be assigned to fill them on the basis of the competence

and adaptability of an employee for a particular assignment, (d) that teachers will be appointed from a single rated list on the basis of examination scores, without regard to race or color, (e) that promotions will continue to be made only on the basis of merit, and (f) that vacancies among lunchroom or matron and custodial staff will be filled on the basis of competence and adaptability, that employees in these and other non-certificated classes will be appointed from lists compiled from examination scores, without regard to race or color, and that promotions of such personnel will continue to be made solely on the basis of merit.

The plan thus provided for orderly integration of the schools, minimum interference with the educational programs of students, and maximum protection of the interests of employees and prospective employees.

The Board, in adopting it, made the following statement: "The program we have agreed upon has been prepared without benefit of direction from our state authorities, and it is conceivable that subsequent action by such authorities may dictate some modification of the program. It does, however, represent the best judgment of Board members and school administrators."

On June 30, 1954, Mr. John M. Dalton, Attorney General of the State of Missouri, ruled that provisions of the Missouri Constitution and laws which required the maintenance of separate schools for Negro and white children "are superseded by the decision of the United States Supreme Court and are, therefore, unenforceable." Because of this, he ruled, there are now no valid laws in Missouri which either require or permit segregation of the races in the public schools. This ruling cleared the way for inauguration without modification of the Board's schedule of desegregation.

Both before and after announcement of the plan, many leading organizations of the community volunteered their assistance and

support to the Board in carrying out its program. These included the press, the League of Women Voters, the City-Wide Parent and Patron Organizations and Alliances, the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., the N.A.A.C.P., the Urban League, the Metropolitan Church Federation, the Catholic Church, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, and others. One daily paper endorsed the plan and expressed the hope that the changeover might proceed a little more rapidly than the outlined schedule proposed. The League of Women Voters issued a pamphlet designed to help the public understand and co-operate with what the Board was trying to do. The Metropolitan Church Federation urged all its member churches to devote a portion of their Sunday Services to prayer for the success of public school integration. The Catholic churches of the city urged their parishioners to co-operate fully with the Board of Education in its program of desegregation. The City-Wide Parent and Patron Organizations and Alliances - both white and Negro - pledged their unqualified support, and worked closely with the Superintendent and with each other to make the transition worthy of the best traditions of the city and system. They also made plans for integration on the city wide parent organization level. The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations conducted a workshop on integration, bringing to the community a number of experts in this area and co-operating closely with the administrative and teaching staff of the public schools. Never has there been a project on which the leadership groups of St. Louis co-operated more unreservedly than they did on this.

IV. The Board of Education Implements Its Program.

In September, 1954, the first step in implementation of this program was taken. This was integration of the colleges and integration of the special schools and classes. Stowe Teachers College and Stowe Junior College had been an institution with a Negro stu-

dent body and a Negro teaching and custodial personnel. Harris Teachers College and Harris Junior College had been an institution with a white student body and a white teaching and custodial personnel. The two were combined into one institution and housed in the Harris College Building, with approximately forty per cent of the student body and faculty Negro and sixty per cent of the student body and faculty white. There was also integration of the clerical personnel and custodial staff.

The transition was made without incident and in an atmosphere of friendliness and goodwill - with all concerned determined to see that it was properly consummated. It was, commented one experienced administrator who observed it at first hand, no different from combining two schools composed of students and teachers of the same race. Much of the credit for the success of this initial step must be attributed to the vigorous democratic leadership which had been developed among the students of both colleges as well as the previously mentioned program of human relations and the high degree of integration attained already by the professional staff. It is significant that the enrollment of the integrated college exceeded the sum of the enrollments of the two separate colleges for the previous year. Whatever may have been the cuases for this, the fact remains that integration did not result in decreased enrollment. Incidentally, the combination released a building for the housing of five hundred elementary school pupils in an area of the city where pupil-teacher ratio was extremely high.

Integration of special schools and classes was carried out in September, 1954, with equal effectiveness. Turner School for Orthopedically Handicapped Children has been an institution with a Negro student body and was staffed with Negro personnel. Michael School for Orthopedically Handicapped Children had been an institution with a white student body and was staffed with white personnel.

The Michael School building was adequate to house the program for all orthopedically handicapped children of the city. The two schools were therefore combined into one and housed in the Michael building. There was complete integration of pupils, teachers, attendants, custodial staff, bus drivers, and therapists. The combination was made without incident and was characterized by a spirit of co-operation on the part of all involved. The two schools for the deaf were similarly integrated. The combination of the schools for the orthopedically handicapped and the combination of the schools for the deaf released desperately needed classroom space for regular elementary school pupils in a densely populated area of the city.

Integration was also quietly but equally successful at the school at Shriners Hospital (where three public school teachers are employed) and at Missouri Hills (formerly Bellefontaine Farms) where socially maladjusted boys are instructed. In the case of classes for mentally retarded pupils, which for the most part are housed in regular elementary school buildings, integrated district lines were drawn and pupils assigned without regard to race. It is worthy of comment that in the five instances in which one Negro pupil attended a special class in a regular elementary school which had not yet been integrated, teachers and principals exercised special care to see that a happy adjustment was made.

Desegregation of the general high schools and desegregation of the adult education program were effected as scheduled on January 31, 1955, at the beginning of the second semester. New high school district boundary lines had been drawn on the basis of building capacity, distance, and transportation facilities. They were announced on November 15, 1954. I.B.M. cards used in outlining them contained no data as to race. Students already enrolled in a school but not resident in its new district were granted the option of continuing to attend that

school or of transferring to the school in the new district of which they resided.

Results of their selections are indicated by the following report on student population of six of the former white high schools on the opening day of the semester:

Soldan-Blewett	-	350 Negroes out of 1,350 students.
McKinley	-	211 Negroes out of 1,437 students.
Beaumont	-	98 Negroes out of 1,890 students.
Central	-	167 Negroes out of 1,201 students.
Cleveland	-	7 Negroes out of 1,483 students.
Roosevelt	-	29 Negroes out of 1,820 students.

The number of white and Negro students now enrolled in these six schools is not known, as statistics on student population are no longer kept by race.

Largely due to the location of Sumner and Vashon, the two former Negro general high schools, no white pupils were enrolled at these two schools at the beginning of this semester. For the same reason, no Negro pupils were enrolled at Southwest, a former white high school. One educationally helpful result of the integration was that the crowded conditions which had for many years existed at the former Negro high schools were measureably relieved. The principal of one of them has quoted as saying that for the first time since his building was occupied, there was space to turn around. Because of the reduction in enrollment, a number of teachers from the former Negro high schools were transferred to former white high schools where additional teachers were needed because of increased enrollment.

It was the city-wide plan that each high school principal, in cooperation with his faculty and parent, patron, and student groups should assume the responsibility of working out a democratically desirable program for integration of his school. This was done in a variety of ways. Each high school was organized to welcome its new students and to help them orient themselves as speedily and satis-

factorily as possible. Each elementary school sending students to high school exercised more than usual care to make the transition successful. High schools transferring pupils to other high schools did likewise. Students took over much of the responsibility for making integration work. This they did through such means as participation in auditorium meetings and writing of articles or editorials for school papers.

As a result, the day of integration was outstandingly successful. It was a "natural school day" - characterized by normalcy. The big news of the day was that there was no "news". It was the quiet and undramatic culmination of years of educational programming and democratic practice and the outcome of contributions to the building of goodwill by many diverse community agencies. It was described in an editorial appearing two days later in the New York Times as an example of what a sound community approach to the problem of desegration could accomplish.

Integration of the Board's Adult Education Program - including both day and evening classes - proceeded in the same undramatic but significant way that characterized integration of other divisions of the system. The public was informed that the adult education program was to be integrated as of January 31, 1955, and a number of people took advantage of the convenience and increased opportunities afforded.

Two steps of St. Louis' three-step schedule for desegregation have thus been taken. One remains. In September, 1955, the third and final step will be made with integration of the regular elementary schools and integration of the technical high schools.

As stipulated in the Boards' plan, integrated elementary school district boundaries which will become effective next September were announced January 30, 1955. These boundaries were drawn taking into account school building capacities, travel distance, and traffic

hazards. I.B.M. cards on the basis of which they were outlined contained no data as to racial identity. As in the case of the general high schools, pupils already enrolled in a school but not resident in its new district will be granted the option of continuing to attend that school provided it is not overcrowded or of transferring to the school in the new district of which they reside.

One highly salutary outcome of this elementary school re-districting will be the elimination of the extremely high pupil-teacher ratio which prevails in certain heavily populated areas in the central part of the city. And while the re-districting will not by any means solve the overall problem of pupil-teacher ratio, it will eliminate glaringly incongrous situations in which pupils living within a few blocks of an underpopulated school travel seven or eight miles across the city to a school with a much higher pupil-room ratio or in which a school the pupil population of which exceeds its normal capacity is within a few blocks of a school with vacant rooms. An immediate result will be to make possible, by the erection of primary branch schools in areas of concentrated population, a greatly improved teacher-pupil ratio and a more equitable distribution of pupils between schools.

Integration of the technical high schools is also scheduled to take place in September, 1955. A new technical high school is now under construction in the southwest part of the city and Hadley - the present technical high school for white students - is being modernized. Upon completion of the new technical high school building, Washington, the present technical high school for Negro students, will be moved to the Hadley building and operated on an integrated basis as a cosmopolitan high school offering technical subjects. This will further ease overpopulation in the high schools in the central part of the city. The new technical high school will also be operated on an integrated basis. The present Washington Technical High School building will be converted

to use as an elementary school, which will afford additional opportunity to reduce class size on the elementary level.

V. Some Anticipated Outcomes of Integration.

Here, then, we have a bare outline of the St. Louis story of public school integration as it has progressed to this time. It is a story of evolving democracy, of closeknit community co-operation, of professional vision on the part of teachers and principals, of wisdom and intelligent planning on the part of the Board of Education, and of a long-term program of educating boys and girls in wholesome human relations. We believe that it will eventuate in St. Louis' becoming a greater and more democratic American community and in its public school system's becoming a more truly efficient servant of such a community. We believe also that the spiritual and intellectual values the importance of which was so strongly emphasized in the Supreme Court's decision - those great intangibles which make life in our democracy so uniquely worthwhile - will be increasingly realized in our system because of this basic change in its organization. And we are thoroughly convinced that from the economic point of view, the community will receive greater value for its tax dollar because of the elimination of unnecessary duplication of facilities, reduction in expenses of transportation, and elimination of waste in classrooms at a time when classrooms are at a premium. Thus the Board of Education will be enabled to devote a larger proportion of its funds to one of its most urgent problems - reduction of class size.

March 1, 1955

Mrs. Pichegru Woolfolk
497 Echota Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Woolfolk:

On behalf of the church women who met in your church last week, I wish to express their thanks to you for the gracious welcome you gave to them. It was a pleasure to meet at All Saints and we feel sure good results will come from the meeting.

With best of wishes and thanks to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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March 1, 1955

Dr. Milton L. Wood, Jr.
All Saints Episcopal Church
W. Peachtree and North Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wood:

It was such a pleasure to us to meet at All Saints Church on Thursday and Friday of last week. Everything was done for our comfort and done so quietly that it added to the reverence and spirit of worship in which we met.

Miss Archer, the janitor and other members of your staff were more than kind and gracious. I wish it would have been possible for you to have been with us but I fully understand your heavy responsibilities in these days of Lent.

Please accept the thanks of the Southern Regional Council, the church women and myself.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Ellen Archer
All Saints Episcopal Church
West Peachtree and North Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Archer:

On behalf of the church women who met on Thursday and Friday at All Saints, I wish to express to you their deep appreciation of all the courtesies you gave to them. To this I would like to add my personal thanks for your graciousness.

With deepest appreciation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

March 1, 1955

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Please accept my apologies. Your letter of January 14th did get buried amongst all of my files on the Dade County Council on Community Relations. I think, too, I confused it somewhat with the meeting we were setting up at that time with Fred Routh.

But quickly let me say I will be very happy to serve on the Board if you are still of that mind.

I am looking forward to a meeting in Daytona Beach this coming Saturday with Davisson F. Dunlap in connection with the organization of the Florida Council. Perhaps I may see you there.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hollis Rinehart

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO: Staff and Board Members of State Organizations

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant Director for Program

We believe that you will be interested in knowing about some of the ways in which state organizations are using SRC publications to further their programs:

TENNESSEE: The Tennessee Council on Human Relations sent Answers for Action to all school superintendents and chairmen of school boards in their state. This was accompanied by a letter introducing the TCHR as an affiliate of the SRC, organized to help improve human relations in Tennessee and specifically interested in enlisting public support to carry out the Supreme Court decision.

KENTUCKY: The Kentucky Council on Human Relations is developing a list of key people in the state to whom New South will be sent for a year. The Board members of the KCHR and their consultants and staff are cooperatively building this list. Copies of Changing Patterns have been sent "complements of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations" to some of these people.

The announcement of Changing Patterns (enclosed) is being sent to public libraries in cities of 20,000 population and to college libraries throughout the region. We are sure that you will encourage its use by college and community groups.

We count upon your increased efforts to enlarge the audience of New South. We will be happy to hear from you as to whether our estimate of 300 new readers from each state is too high or too low. We urge you to consider the following groups in your state as prospective readers -- newspaper editors, ministers, church women groups, school board members, teachers and members of other professional organizations, the professional and lay leadership of social welfare agencies.

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March 1, 1955

Mr. A. H. Nall, Park Coordinator
Mississippi Park Service
1104 Woolfolk State Office Bldg.
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mr. Nall:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I enclose three copies of our 1954 report on Negro state parks in the South, "State Parks for Negroes--New Tests of Equality."

You were most helpful in supplying information for the study at the time we were gathering data, and I would like to thank you again for your assistance. Through an oversight you were not sent copies upon publication.

I remember from your correspondence with us that you have a special interest in park service for Negroes, having served as discussion leader on the question of state parks and race relations at the annual meeting of the Southeastern State Park Directors in the fall of 1950. Should you feel that our material would be appropriate for use by the Southeastern State Park Directors Association or any other groups with whom you work, we would be happy to send sample copies to a limited list of persons you might name, or fill any orders that you might wish to place. Single copies of the report are available at 10 cents each, and there is a special quantity rate of 8 cents each for orders of 100 or more.

For your information, I am also enclosing a reprint of a recent article, "Segregation and Public Recreation," by Mr. Robert B. McKay, professor of law at New York University, Mr. McKay's article originally appeared in the October, 1954 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW.

Sincerely,

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Florida Park Service
Board of Parks & Historical Memorials
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Division of State Parks
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Nashville, Tenn.

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S. C. Commission of Forestry
Columbia, S. C.

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Commissioner of Conservation
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Mr. Ward:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I enclose three copies of our 1954 report on Negro state parks in the South, "State Parks for Negroes--New Tests of Equality."

Your office was most helpful in supplying information for the study at the time we were gathering data, and I would like to thank you again for your assistance. Through an error you were not sent copies upon publication.

Should you want additional copies of the park report, we will be happy to fill your order. Single copies are available at ten cents each, and there is a special quantity rate of eight cents each for orders of one hundred or more.

For your information, I am also enclosing a reprint of a recent article, "Segregation and Public Recreation," by Mr. Robert B. McKay, professor of law at New York University. Mr. McKay's article originally appeared in the October, 1954 issue of the VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

encl

Same letter this date to:

Dr. Clement
Carter Wesley
Dr. G.B. Hancock
Leonard Haas
Josephine Wilkins
Morris Abram
Paul Christopher
Mrs. James Birnie
John A. Griffin

March 1, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is a second draft of the statement adopted by the Executive Committee at its last meeting on February 17th.

It has been slightly shortened and revised in minor respects. However, the sense of the statement remains intact. Since you were present at the meeting and concurred in the adoption of the statement we will assume your approval unless we hear from you to the contrary.

Our proposed release date is next Monday, March 7th. So if you do not find the enclosed draft satisfactory, please notify us quickly.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf
encl.

Similar letter this date to:

Dr. H.V. Richardson
Rev. M.V. Shean
Dr. J.M. Richards

March 1, 1955

Dr. A.W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

Enclosed is a slightly revised draft of a statement adopted by the Executive Committee at its last meeting, February 17th.

Since you were not present at the meeting, we thought it proper to get your approval before listing your name, along with those of the other members of the Committee, as adopting the statement.

Please check your preference on the enclosed postcard and mail it as soon as you can. Since we are aiming at release on next Monday, March 7th, we will appreciate a quick response.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf
encl.

Wording on Post Card:

____ I approve of the statement and wish to be listed with other members of the Executive Committee as adopting it.

____ I would prefer that my name not be used as adopting the proposed statement.

Signed _____

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Rm. 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

FOR RELEASE 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Nine months have passed since the Supreme Court held segregation in the public schools unconstitutional. Although the Court has not yet handed down its implementation decrees, school segregation is already disappearing in four of the 17 states chiefly affected, as well as in the District of Columbia and in states where segregation has been permissive. How quickly and harmoniously the remaining states bring their practices into accord with the law of the land will depend on the quality of leadership, public and private, displayed by the South in the months ahead.

We believe that this is a time for Southerners to take stock, to look realistically at the challenge confronting the region and at our resources for meeting it wisely and well. As one effort in this direction, we here summarize our collective view of the impact to date of the Supreme Court's decision.

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School desegregation is proceeding successfully in some 80 out of 129 border-state counties where separate schools were formerly required by law. The significance of this fact -- indeed, the fact itself -- has been obscured by the widespread publicity given disturbances in a few localities. It is less sensational, but far more important, that this many counties have adjusted successfully in so short a time to the principle of the school decision. Their experience currently demonstrates to the world that American democracy has the vigor and capacity to solve its thorny racial problems. The entire country owes a heavy debt of gratitude to the hundreds of private citizens and public officials whose allegiance to the law of the land made this progress possible.

Although these communities are in border states, they are nonetheless places where segregation has been embedded in law and custom for generations. What can

be done in Missouri, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia can be and ultimately will be done in those states where political stratagems now deny Southerners of good will the opportunity to work similarly toward compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

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In the upper South and the Southwest, several states are preparing soundly for early compliance. But others pursue a policy of "wait and see" that might better be described as "look the other way." Planning and even consideration of the desegregation process is discouraged on the ground that no action is now required and none may be required for a long time. Such an attitude promotes paralysis of public thought, and thereby forfeits a valuable opportunity for advance discussion and planning to insure smooth transition to integrated schools.

The Court has said unequivocally that legal segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional. Its implementation decrees will hardly fail to make this ruling effective. Nor is it reasonable to expect the Court to allow an indefinite period of delay. This interim period is precisely the time for joint fact-finding and planning by all elements of the community.

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In four of the deep South states, the official leadership is busily creating dangerous illusions and enacting defiant measures. Some political leaders in these states are assuring the people that the schools will remain segregated indefinitely, if not forever, even though public education may be abolished in the process. These threats and the legal stratagems devised to carry them out are better adapted to hoodwink the people than to preserve segregation.

Illustrative are the measures recently enacted by legislatures in Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Most of these measures impose heavy penalties on any local authorities or school systems that choose voluntarily to

comply with the Supreme Court ruling. Ironically, the proponents of these measures are the same spokesmen who repeat over and over that most Negroes and virtually all white persons will defend segregation at any cost. Obviously they do not believe their own words.

Moreover, leading Southern authorities on constitutional law who have examined these circumventing measures have agreed that they are dodges and will not stand in court.

There are truths that need saying in the deep South. There is a wide range of information that should be made known through every medium. Views of every kind need to be freely and fully aired. Instead, there is presently a concerted attempt by official leadership to stamp out independent thought and stifle all dissent with respect to school segregation. Consequently it is imperative that responsible Southerners confirm the fact that vast numbers of us will not defy the United States Constitution, the teachings of our religion, and the prevailing opinions of the free world.

Despite all the bluster of the demagogues, most Southerners recognize that segregation is on the way out. Not all of them are happy about it, but they see it as an evident reality. Few would actually be willing to jettison their public schools and throw their educational systems into a dark age of confusion and chaos.

Those who advocate such a course do irreparable harm to the progress of the South and to the cause of freedom throughout the world. But fortunately they will not have the last word. In the end, the people of the region will reject those who would lead them down the blind alley of rebellion. There are thousands of Southerners, white and Negro, for whom the demagogues do not speak, and whose voices have been little heard above the din of controversy. Ultimately these responsible Southern voices will repudiate fraudulent leadership on the school segregation issue. Speaking together, they can give the region a new confidence

in its capacity for democratic growth.

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We in the Southern Regional Council reaffirm our belief that the vast majority of Southerners accept what is now the law of the land, want to have done with bitterness and obstruction, and are willing to meet on equal terms with their fellow citizens and find the best ways to move ahead. The Council strongly recommends local planning by citizens of the two races as the soundest means of preparing for compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

3/1/55
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March 2, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Herring:

I am engaged in a process, stretching over some weeks, of getting a workable manuscript toward a pamphlet on this business of written leases. Lewis Jones at Tuskegee wrote me one which is pretty good, but not quite it.

Would the NCALL like to take over from me the whole job of producing such a pamphlet and getting it out?

I haven't got any money to go with the job; I just have the notion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

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Mailed March 2, 1955

SRC Consultant -- Dr. C.H. Parrish

State Executive Secretaries -- T. Sutherland
Mrs. Spearman
H.S. Jones
Mrs. Lyells
M.C. Vigo
Mrs. Stanley
Mrs. Dagen
G.H. Wells
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Dr. Coleman
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M. Maupin
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Dr. Sutton
Dr. Venable
W.M. Wood
Dr. Wilson

Enclosures:

"Build Democracy in the Classroom" - CIO
"St. Louis Integrates its Schools" - League of Women Voters
"Program Service" - ADL

Also mailed to all State Chairmen

Southern Re[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[illegible]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: Mrs. G.T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

We believe that you will be interested in several recent publications and materials from other organizations which are concerned with implementation of the Supreme Court decision on school segregation. You may know of individuals or groups that you would like to have use some of these for discussion purposes.

*1. "Build Democracy in the Classroom" -- the brief for the Congress of Industrial Organizations as amicus curiae in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Defines the interest of the CIO -- dedicated to the protection of our own democratic system of government and hence the civil rights of all Americans, "therefore supports the elimination of racial segregation and discrimination from every phase of American life."

Reports the experience of unions and employers as to how best to put into effect the non-segregation and non-discrimination policies of national organizations in localities where segregation and discrimination have theretofore prevailed.

Concludes on the basis of experience that the best way to effectuate a policy against racial discrimination and segregation is to announce it firmly and carry it out unequivocally. Therefore, supports the argument that non-segregation could be effectuated with less disturbance by a forthwith decree than by gradual adjustment.

2. "How to Influence Public Policy" -- a short manual on social action by Elizabeth Wickenden, American Association of Social Workers, One Park Avenue, New York 16, New York, 25¢ per copy.

A realistic guide for groups and individuals interested in

* Copy enclosed.

undertaking a program of social action in the area of public social policy.

3. "It Can Be Done!" -- Desegregation, A Progress Report -- available from the NAACP, 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, New York.

   Includes a current report on desegregation progress from West Virginia to Arizona, Washington, D.C. to California, and the Delaware story.

   Defines the job ahead "to bring about desegregation requires planning and action involving officials and local leaders of both races in the community.

   Lists six basic considerations upon which success depends.

4. "Aids For Council Leadership -- Implementing the Supreme Court Decision on School Segregation." -- January 1955, from the National Council of Jewish Women, One West 47th Street, New York 36, New York.

   Outlines recent developments and activities carried on by the Council in areas effected by the decision.

   Lists the factors favorable to integration including organizations which support desegregation.

   Includes references for current information and the background for the decision.

GTH/rnf
2/22/55

March 2, 1955

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Some account for you and for Mrs. Whitney, and for others in the Fund office, of a meeting which Mrs. Tilly held on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta. She selected with great care church women leaders from over the South, mostly the lower South. Many of them were people who came in two capacities, as officials of women's groups in their own denominations, and as leading personnel of the state councils of church women.

They included fourteen Southern Presbyterians, nineteen Methodists, seven Baptists (including one or two from the National Baptist Convention), four Episcopalians, and scattered representatives of the Disciples of Christ, Jewish organizations, Congregationalists, Catholics, and other Church bodies. And nine came as from the State Councils of Church Women, or from the United Church Women. One or two also came from the National Council of Churches and from the YWCA.

Of purpose, the Negro church women were only eight or ten among the group, but they were widely representative in their leadership positions.

Another seventeen women who had proposed to come to the Conference for one reason or another did not get there, mostly bad weather and no planes, but they will receive the materials arising from the Conference. The states covered were South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida pretty well, with scattered persons from Tennessee or other states in the upper South. Outside leadership was limited; it was a conference of Southern Church women working to bring religious principles to bear on the problem of integration in the schools.

Most of the meeting went to discussion of the actual situations confronted by the women in their own communities and states. The rest went to making plans to bring their views to bear.

One of the comfortable features of the meeting was the absence of any purpose to perfect additional organization. The women simply came together to discuss their common problems, and went away after two days to put into effect what they had learned, doing so within their own religious groupings. While they had been summoned on behalf of the Fellowship of the Concerned and by Mrs. Tilly, no contributions resulted to the treasury of the Fellowship, no officials were elected, and no by-laws adopted. They simply met as religious Southern women with a problem to talk over together.

There is no way of estimating how much good such a meeting does. Maybe a little, but maybe a very great deal.

In any case, Mrs. Tilly and the Southern Regional Council are deeply grateful to Mrs. Whitney for the $1,000 which made the meeting possible. I think the $1,000 was very well used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Tilly

March 3, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

This is all we have or could get about Marion Wright. He has no pictures and refuses to let any be made. If you can achieve a press photograph of him while he is down there, you will confer a favor on everybody.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

March 3, 1955

Mrs. Hedwig Meerman
Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Meerman:

Welcome to Atlanta! We will look forward to seeing you on Monday and this note is to give you some idea of the arrangements which have been made for your period in our city.

Mrs. Mary Kate Duskin, the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta YWCA, will telephone you on Monday morning and will pick you up by 10:30 to take you to a meeting which we believe will interest you. You will return to the YWCA for luncheon and will be joined in the afternoon by Mrs. Frances Pauley, President of the Georgia League of Women Voters, who has made some plans for the afternoon.

We have saved sometime on Tuesday morning for you to visit with the staff of the Southern Regional Council at our office in the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue. Tuesday afternoon another member of the League of Women Voters will make opportunities for you to observe in the community in which she is active.

I will be in touch with you on Monday and we will try to include additional opportunities which will meet any of your particular interests.

With cordial good wishes,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

cc: Duskin
Pauley
encl: Changing Patterns
New South - 2/55
Toward the South of the Future

P.S. We have sent a small packet of Southern Regional Council materials which will describe the areas of interest of the organization.

GTH/rnf

March 3, 1955

Mr. George Clements
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
Mundelein, Illinois

Dear Mr. Clements:

I can and do send you, separately, three mighty good things.

You can receive free of charge each month the publication of the Southern Education Reporting Service from Mr. C. A. McKnight, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee, which is an excellent publication, subsidized by the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

I am to be in Chicago March 5th, 6th, and 7th. Talk Saturday night for the John Dewey Society at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, and Monday night for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development at the same hotel. I shall stay with friends, named the Kenneth Parkers, Plainfield Road, Western Springs or Hinsdale.

I also get back to Chicago March 16th and 17th, to speak the night of the 16th for the Council Against Discrimination.

If there were opportunity for us to get together, we could talk fruitfully I am sure.

Meanwhile, the pamphlets if you don't mind come to 80¢ plus postage at 8¢.

If we can help you in any way further, we would like to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
Answers for Action - 20c
Changing Patterns - 50¢
~~Journey Into~~ New South - 10¢

March 3, 1955

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Director
Department of Research and Education
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

I have been trying to hold on my calendar the whole of the period from June 19th to July 1st, so that you could pick either week out of it that you wanted.

But I begin to be pressed to give away bits of that time and have indeed promised to be in Washington June 24th.

So that confines me to being at your service June 26th - July 1st -- the second week.

I hope that that is all right. If it isn't I would have to crawfish mighty fast with the Washington people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 3, 1955

Mr. Stanton L. Wormley
Acting Director
Howard University
Summer School
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wormley:

Many thanks. I will be glad to be there Friday, June 24th, from 9:00 on.

I would gently suggest a change in the topic for the day. My version would be "Ending School Segregation -- Older South and the Uplands South." I don't insist at all but it is a little penalty to people we wish to persuade.

Fine to stay for lunch with Dr. Paul Cooke.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 3, 1955

Bishop Edgar A. Love
1206 Etting Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Bishop Love:

Mighty kind of you, and I am following through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Same letter to heads of park divisions in Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Okalhoma

March 3, 1955

Mr. James L. Segrest, Chief
Division of Parks, Monuments
and Historical Sites
Dept. of Conservation
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Mr. Segrest:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I enclose two copies of our 1954 report on Negro state parks in the South, "State Parks for Negroes—New Tests of Equality." Alabama is not included among the sample states, but we believe you will be interested in the general picture regarding Negro parks which emerges on the basis of the nine states studied.

Should you want additional copies of the report, we will be happy to fill your order. Single copies are available at ten cents each, and there is a special quantity rate of eight cents each for orders of one hundred or more.

For your information, I am also enclsing a reprint of a recent article "Segregation and Public Recreation" by Robert B. McKay of the New York University School of Law. Mr. McKay's article originally appeared in the October, 1954 issue of the VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

encl

March 3, 1955

Dr. Earl R. Brown
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

Bishop Love most kindly wrote and made arrangements for us to send you a copy of our new publication, Changing Patterns in the New South.

A busy man will not read it all I know, but the Table of Contents is helpful and the very last sentence in the whole booklet is mighty nice.

We will try in the coming months to have our publications, and what other news we can send you, strengthen our cause when next we come before the Division of National Missions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 3, 1955

TO: KS

Please see to it that the following persons are put on the mailing list of New South beginning with the February, 1955, issue. They are influential in the decision ultimately to be made by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church as to restoring our $1,000 p.a. The suggestion to keep them informed was made by Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore, Maryland, March 2nd, 1955.

GSM

Dr. Earl R. Brown
Reverend Charles F. Golden
(Both of the Board of National Missions of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York

March 3, 1955

Reverend Charles F. Golden
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Golden:

Bishop Love asked us to send you a copy of a new publication we have done called Changing Patterns in the New South. I would hardly expect you to find time to read the whole business, but you get its flavor if you read through the Table of Contents, skip on through and read the very last sentence in the booklet.

We want you to know about and like the Southern Regional Council, and we will send you the other things we get out.

Meanwhile, if in your job you see things that we could helpfully do hereabouts, please let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 3, 1955

Mrs. Eurilla W. Howell
The Young Women's Christian Association
236 South Summit Street
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Howell:

We have got a good group going in North Carolina, called the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. The Executive Director of it is a man named Harry S. Jones, and the office is at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte. Sooner or later he ought to have somebody working with him. Maybe you would fit.

I should think it would be well if you corresponded with him.

There are similar groups in most of the other states in the South now. But not many of them are actively looking for staff. This Atlanta office has got more people than it can pack in.

But I am certainly pleased with your knowledge and experience.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 3, 1955

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Inc.
631 Pearl Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Many thanks for your letter of February 24th and please rest assured that while I was disappointed in not seeing you at your office when I called, I fully understand and appreciate the fact that you had unexpected guests from out of town and were tied up at the time of our appointment.

The Florida Council on Human Relations -- the state division of the Southern Regional Council -- will be highly flattered, and I will be personally pleased, that you have agreed to serve on the state board of directors. We all recognize that you cannot be as active as you once were and cannot attend meetings very much. Yet we believe your advice and counsel are greatly needed in these times of stress and strain and people from the state group can call on you at your convenience from time to time for such advise and counsel.

Thanks once more for agreeing to serve on the board.

Appreciatively,

Frederick B. Routh
Associate Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

March 3, 1955

TO: GTH

What should I say?

GSM

March 3, 1955

Mr. Arthur J. Altmeyer
President
National Conference of Social Work
1508 Sumac Drive *
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Altmeyer:

I am much honored by the invitation to appear before the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco on Monday evening, May 30th, to talk on "Segregation, Desegregation, and Integration."

That is a great opportunity and I of course accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

* For the rest of March Mr. Altmeyer will be at the Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

This letter sent to that address.

March 4, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I remind you of the undertaking about some further meetings of the Program Planning Committee.

Rather late in the meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th, a copy of the Minutes of which will be sent you shortly, Marion Wright, as president, asked that the Program Planning Committee continue to meet and to produce a report. We all hope that it will be possible for that to happen.

The staff, and particularly Mrs. Hamilton, will be glad to work with you and other members of the Committee in any way that you may wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: GTH

March 4, 1955

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

One piece of your mail got buried somewhere.

We wrote you on November 16th and asked you to be good enough to become a member of the Board of SRC. Mrs. E. U. Robinson told us some days later that she had talked with you and that it was quite all right with you to come on to our Board. But we would like to have a word from you that you accept.

We need you and will be grateful for having you in our group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 4, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Rinehart & Gibbs
Counselors at Law
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Hollis:

We appreciate you a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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RINEHART & GIBBS
Counselors at Law
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

March 1, 1955

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Please accept my apologies. Your letter of January 14th did get buried amongst all of my files on the Dade County Council on Community Relations. I think, too, I confused it somewhat with the meeting we were setting up at that time with Fred Routh.

But quickly let me say I will be very happy to serve on the Board if you are still of that mind.

I am looking forward to a meeting in Daytona Beach this coming Saturday with Davisson F. Dunlap in connection with the organization of the Florida Council. Perhaps I may see you there.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hollis Rinehart

HR/lvm

Copy of this letter to:
GTH
FBR
Daily File

GSM acknowledged 2/4/55

March 4, 1955

Mr. Harold J. Weekley
Executive Secretary
Greenville Community Council
112 W. McBee Ave.
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Weekley:

I was away from the SRC office all summer on leave, and if a copy of the annual Greenville survey follow-up came in, it must have gotten lost in the shuffle.

We would like very much to have the 1954 follow-up report for distribution. Could you send us 100 copies (billing us for the cost and postage) if that many are still available, or, if it would be more satisfactory to the Community Council, send us a copy of the 1954 report with permission for us to reproduce it.

In the event that there was no 1954 report, we would like 100 copies of the 1953 report, or permission to reproduce the report ourselves --we have a copy on file inthe office.

Sorry to miss the Blue Ridge meeting this year. If the attendance roster is available, I would like to have a copy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

March 4, 1955
(Dictated March 3)

TO: GTH
HCF
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FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

Dave Burgess called and said that he had on his hands, beginning late Monday afternoon, March 14th, a large party of top-flight Japanese trade unionists, State Department sponsored. Wanted SRC to help educate them. No word of English, but competent translator and equipment.

Only date I could match up with him was 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 18th. I would then make the map speech and hope that toward the end of that Mrs. Hamilton, Harold Fleming, and anybody else would drift in for interchange.

March 4, 1955

Mrs. Paul Hodges
2615 Essex Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Lillian:

Do me a favor please ma'am.

I need a workable mailing address for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharp in Nashville. She one of your Cheek friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 3, 1955

Mr. Theodore Freedman
ADL Southwest Regional Office
1101 Blodgett St.
Houston 4, Texas.

Dear Mr. Freedman:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to answer your letter of February 23 concerning interest in a community self-survey in San Antonio.

I have sent four copies of our self-survey manual and four copies of the popular version of the Greenville, S. C. self-survey report under separate cover. SRC has in the past distributed reports of self-surveys carried out in Dallas, Jacksonville and Shreveport, but our supply of these is currently exhausted. You might be able to obtain reports on these three surveys from the following sources:

Dallas--Mr. M. J Norrell, c/o Dallas Chamber of Commerce Building, Dallas, Tex. Report entitled, "Toward Better Understanding," published January, 1951.

Jacksonville-- Council of Social Agencies, Jacksonville, Fla. Report, "Jacksonville Looks at its Negro Community."

Shreveport--Mrs. Elsie Larson Wilson, 715 Travis St., Shreveport, La. Report, "The Shreveport Story."

For further information about the Greenville study, you can write to Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Secretary of the Greenville Community Council, 112 W. McBeenAve., Greenville, S.C. The Greenville survey group publish an annual follow-up report which is distributed by the community council. We do not at present have copies of the current report available, but I am sure you can get copies from Mr. Weekley.

I am enclosing several sample copies of the schedule for the house-to-house canvas of the Negro community used by the Shreveport survey committee, and have checked an article on the Shreveport story which appeared in Municipal South on the enclosed bibliography. You might be interested in knowing that Edward R. Murrow did a TV program on the Shreveport survey in 1953 which is possibly available for use on loan from CBS.

SRC's affiliate in Texas, the Texas Commission on Race Relations, now has an executive secretary, Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, 309 W. 21st St., Austin, Texas. I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Sutherland concerning the San Antonio group at some point along the way.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call upon us again.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

March 4, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Here's a copy of a letter I sent Marion Wright.

Will you please be responsible for preparing decision by the subcommittee that has bothered about a Treasurer as to whether Morton Weiss will be a suitable Treasurer. I know him slightly and like him very much. And he ought to be helpful and influential. (Still it should not be my decision; the Executive Committee should be advised by the subcommittee.)

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl.

TELEGRAM WESTERN UNION

Charge to Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

March 7, 1955

League of Women Voters of St. Louis
4740a McPherson
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Please send today 200 copies "St. Louis Integrates its Schools" and bill.

Southern Regional Council

GTH/rnf

March 7, 1955

Miss Elaine Blei
1505 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn 30, New York

Dear Miss Blei:

I am sending you separately various materials that may be helpful to you in preparing your term paper on Georgia's reaction to the Supreme Court decision against public school segregation.

It is very difficult to present a detailed account of attitudes and reactions in Georgia with materials available in print. A full account would have to be derived from firsthand observation and study, and I'm afraid the scope of such a report would be prohibitively large for me to undertake.

In any case, I hope you will find much of what you need in the materials we're sending you. You might want to refer also to The Christian Century, October 18, 1954, page 96.

If we can advise you on any particular point as you proceed with your paper, let us know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

March 7, 1955

Mrs. M.S. Lyells
Miss. Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Thank you for sharing your program report. We are also interested in the newspaper clippings which arrived this morning. There is no better way of getting a picture of what goes on in your state.

Fred Routh and Parrish have told me about the developing program in Mississippi and I have shared your letter to Dr. Mitchell. We can understand how the way must seem hard but appreciate your being able to note and emphasize the positive.

Don't fail to let us know if there are resources here which you believe will be helpful to your efforts.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 7, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I mailed all the governors' addresses to state legislatures we had received early last week. Mississippi is the only one that didn't come through on the first request (from the list of those states with legislatures in session), and I have written them a second time. When the Mississippi address comes in, I will forward it immediately.

At your suggestion I checked the SRC Executive Committee minutes for the September, 1953 session where Dr. Mitchell's membership on the Highlander Folk School board was discussed. Katherine Stoney's rough minutes, more detailed than the final minutes sent to committee members, read as follows:

> Dr. Mitchell then commented on the interest of the Council in B. Carroll Reece of Tennessee, proposing to Congress another investigating committee to look into foundations, [suggesting that on account of the Fund for the Republic grant pending] SRC might not want, even remotely, to be linked with Highlander. However, he [Mitchell] felt that whatever danger there might have been earlier in the year was now passed. Dr. Mitchell then brought to the committee the matter of his position on the board of Highlander, saying that he and Paul Christopher had been on the committee, along with Aubrey Williams, to certify any employees at the school. He and Mr. Christopher had been responsible for helping to keep the school free of left-wing people and he felt that this was a valuable labor connection. Some discussion followed, and it was agreed, with no motion and none asked for, that Dr. Mitchell would retain his membership on the board but that in the future care [would] be taken that the Council not be linked with the school in publicity. It was also noted that when Dr. Mitchell was asked to sit on this board originally, agreement was given by the then members of the Executive Committee, with one disagreeing. The Committee also agreed that Dr. Mitchell might be given their confidence in future affairs of this sort.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

March 7, 1955

Mr. Paul Bixler, Secretary
Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA
Antioch College Library
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bixler:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 inquiring about the practices of Southern public libraries concerning admission of Negroes.

I am enclosing a copy of the March, 1954 NEW SOUTH which carries a news note on several libraries that were not included in the January report. We have published no material on public library integration since the March NEW SOUTH, but learned from the librarian at Lufkin, Texas in April that the Kurth Memorial Library (public library at Lufkin) now gives full service to Negroes.

Miss Helen E. Wessells, Editor of the Library Journal, 62 West 45th St., New York 36, N. Y. recently wrote us for information concerning integration of public libraries in the South. I understood from her letter that she is currently engaged in research in this area. I am not aware that she has published anything along this line recently, but it would probably be worthwhile to check with her.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

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March 7, 1955

Mr. John Weiss
Fund for the Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Weiss:

It struck me that I haven't seen or written you since last June when we discussed the Council's prospects with the Doris Duke Foundation.

We did receive from them a grant of $10,000 for 1955, specifically earmarked for our information program. That, together with a grant from the Field Foundation for New South, enables us to do a much better job of collecting the facts and getting them out in a useful form. You should be receiving New South by now, which will give you some idea at least of what we're trying to do with that part of the operation.

I wanted to let you know that we remember and appreciate the good words you spoke for us. The next time the family or business brings you to Atlanta, I hope you will let me know and that we will have a chance to get together.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

March 7, 1955

Mr. Walter E. Hess, Mng. Ed.
The Bulletin
National Education Association
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hess:

We appreciated the notice ~~you are~~ of your listing of Schools in the South in the February issue of THE BULLETIN.

I'm enclosing, as of possible interest, a copy of our latest publication Changing Patterns in the New South. While it records developments in race relations generally during the past ten years, you will see that education receives heavy emphasis. In fact, one of the main purposes of the booklet is to put the Supreme Court decision of last May 17th in the broad context of progress toward racial integration in American life.

We hope this publication may merit mention in your book column.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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enclosure: Changing Patterns

March 7, 1955

Professor P.E. Pfuetze
Department of Philosophy
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pfuetze:

Thanks for letting us see your article "Segregation and the Churches." George Mitchell and I have both read it with care and interest.

I was much struck with the wide range of facts that you brought together in this synthesis. It is my opinion, as it was George Mitchell's, that this kind of treatment is best adapted to publication or distribution under religious auspices. Basically it is a frank and, properly, critical evaluation of the churches' role in the rise and decline of racial segregation. While I heartily concur in your appraisal, I think the people who need to ponder it will do so with better grace if it comes from within rather than without the religious community. Right or wrong, that is the philosophy on which we have proceeded in treating the religious implications of race, in New South.

I do hope Religion in Life or some other Christian organ will publish your article. Perhaps the Department of Cultural Religions of the National Council of Churches would be interested in helping place it. If it is published, I would appreciate your letting us know.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rmf
encl.

March 7, 1955

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

Thank you for responding so promptly to my letter of March 1st regarding the adoption of the executive committee statement.

Opinions vary about what is right and useful to say during this uneasy period. We respect, of course, your request that your name not be used in connection with the statement adopted by the executive committee at its meeting on February 17th.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

March 7, 1955

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I think you have set an alltime record for prompt response to a request for an article. We're most grateful.

Your review makes some very nice points, as I expected it would, and I intend to use it in the next issue of New South. As the issue takes shape I will check any editorial changes in the text with you. You have more confidence in my discretion, exquisite or otherwise, than I do.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

March 7, 1955

Miss Helen Parker
University of North
Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Miss Parker:

Short word of thanks for your good letter of February 28th.

We look forward to receiving a copy of "The Urban South" and will be sending marked copies of New South as that and other books from the UNC Press are noted.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

Consideration

March 7, 1955

Mr. William Warren
Office for University Development
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Warren:

I deeply appreciate your letter of February 28th. Your kind words are more than I or the booklet deserve, but that only makes them all the more welcome.

I am looking looking forward to seeing you when you come to Atlanta next summer. Don't fail to call me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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March 8, 1955

Mr. Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
First Unitarian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

You will recall your letter of January 4th on the matter of certifications.

The Executive Committee of SRC, at its meeting February 17, 1955, directed that in cases in which State Chairmen, on grounds of conscience, declined to certify as to the loyalty of their staff personnel, the Executive Director be empowered to sign an appropriate statement as to loyalty.

This seems to me a workable solution to the matter as presented in the case of Louisiana, and in accordance with that decision, I am making the statement as to Mr. Vigo and Mrs. Cates.

We were all concerned to meet as well as might be your scruples so clearly put, but we had also the obligation arising from the action of the Board on November 11, 1954, as subsequently modified, to respect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo

March 8, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

For years and years various members of the Board, and of our general membership (when we had one) would occasionally propose that the Southern Regional Council annual meeting be, for once in a while, somewhere besides Atlanta. Moving it around would get us more friends, it was (rightly) thought.

When we were so poor we never took the dare, but now that we are a manageable Board only we think it worth exploring.

What say to New Orleans for 1955? Nice city, and would pull in a Southwestern interest, as well.

Under the by-laws the meeting would be November 9, 1955. The total Board is about 85 persons, including elected members, ex-officio members, officers, and the staff persons who ought to be there. But only about 60 or maybe 65 people would actually show. That's excluding a staff meeting of state directors, which could be held at the same time, or not. No decision on that yet.

But would you begin inquiries as to where and if we could have a meeting of the Board, on the 9th of November, in or near N.O.? I guess about one-third of those present would be Negro. A luncheon is de riguer. One day meeting -- but all morning and till say three or four in the p.m. Well to have a break for the luncheon, and to go to some other room for the meal.

Don't get much worried about the prospect, but begin to ask, and when the Executive Committee meets in about three months I will wish to report on the New Orleans prospects.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 8, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Post Office Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Reverend Brooke:

I am enclosing the six copies of "Suggested By-Laws for State Affiliates of the Southern Regional Council," as requested in your letter of March 5th.

Dr. Mitchell is expected to return to the city tomorrow, March 9th, and will be writing you shortly in answer to your questions about travel expense.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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An original of this ltr/sent to: Birnie
Christopher
Clement
Griffin
Richards
Richardson
Shean
Wilkins
Wright
Dent
Hancock
Wesley
Haas

March 8, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

The enclosed Minutes, on page 7, recount the undertaking by the members of the Executive Committee each and severally to get or give a hundred dollars to SRC before September 30, 1955, and annually thereafter. This action of the Executive Committee will be notified to the members of the Board, who will likewise be asked to help the Council in this way.

I hate to beg, but I am constrained to notify you of this undertaking. We will all be grateful for help badly needed, and likely to do a full hundred dollars worth of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

February 17, 1955

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge (First Floor) of the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.

Ten members of the Executive Committee were present as follows:

Marion A. Wright, President
Rufus Clement, Chairman
Gordon Hancock, Vice-President
Carter Wesley, Vice-President
Leonard Haas, Counsel
Morris Abram
Paul Christopher
John Griffin
Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
Philip Hammer
Miss Josephine Wilkins

After the brief Executive Session, members of the staff came into the meeting as follows:

George Mitchell
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Anna Holden
Katherine Stoney
Elizabeth Brantley

Invocation was given by Mr. Gordon Hancock.

The Minutes of the preceeding meeting, having been circulated to members, were taken as approved.

The Executive Director reported that the Minutes of the Board meeting November 11, 1954, had been sent out for approval to three members of the Board; Dr. Ralph Barbare, Dr. C. G. Gomillion, and Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, and that as two of them had returned the minutes with approval they would be put in this form before the next meeting of the Board for formal approval.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF PERSONNEL

Mitchell

The Executive Director spoke of travel to Norfolk, Virginia, Anderson, South Carolina, Alexander City and Sylacauga, Alabama, Petersburg, Virginia, Arlington, Virginia, Montgomery County, Maryland, Shreveport and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to other points generally to meet with

small groups and further the idea of informal open interchange between local white and Negro citizens on methods to bring about integration in the schools. In addition to these general groups, he had been invited to appear before several trade union bodies.

Other travel had included a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, several trips to Virginia in the interest of getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations going, a trip to Kentucky for the meeting of the Southern Police Institute, and other meetings of people at work in this general field.

State organizations with staff were listed as: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Texas. Those organized, but without staff were: Tennessee, Arkansas, and Florida. In Virginia it was expected that a meeting to occur in Richmond February 22nd would launch a Virginia Council on Human Relations. The staff had made it clear to the states slow in getting organized that financial assistance to these states would be on a pro rata basis for the months of organized activity, although some assistance would be given these states in meeting the expenses of the organization.

Some members of the Committee called attention to the portion of the finance report showing the smallness of sums collected by the various states. It was explained that these sums represented monies collected in January, 1955, with many of the states still in an organizational stage.

Parrish

Mr. Parrish had been in seven or eight of the states since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, usually in company with Fred Routh. His particular role, he felt, was that of building up a communications resource between white and Negro persons. He described the form of organization in use in Kentucky, saying, among other things, that it had a particular use in making it possible to send white consultants to Negro communities and Negro consultants to white communities. In his view, not enough news was reaching the people of the South about the valuable developments toward desegregation, and he hoped that the Council's efforts could result in some correction of this imbalance.

Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton described two visits to conferences of the Kentucky consultants, and spoke in praise of the planning underway in that state. She said that the one thing that the Southern Regional Council has to sell is a process, the working together of individuals of both races in equality and with a common concern. She gave some discussion of the work underway in North Carolina, Tennessee, and several other states.

Fleming

Described the newly issued Changing Patterns in the New South; the prospect for the Southern Regional Council to assist the distribution of Lillian Smith's new book, Now is the Time; and discussed the new format

and contents of New South, the February issue of which was made available to members of the Committee. Mr.Wesley, Mr. Clement, Mr. Wright, and others urged that a major proportion of the time and resources of the Council go into promotion of the Council's publications.

Mrs. Tilly

Mrs. Tilly described the forthcoming meeting of church women on February 24th and 25th in Atlanta. The women would be coming from most of the states in the lower South, from some parts of the upper South, and a chosen few leadership people from the various denominational or inter-council offices. Mrs. Tilly stated that her work is hampered by the small amount of money she has to work with, and expressed a desire for increased resources for the work with church women.

REPORT ON PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Abram, as Chairman of this Committee established by the preceeding meeting (November 23, 1954) of the Executive Committee, and composed of himself, Mrs. Birnie, Miss Wilkins, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hammer, and Mr. Richardson. They had met five times and had reviewed with conscientious care and detail the program and planning activities of the Council. A series of questions put forward by the Committee for information and discussion were read as follows:

1. In the opinion of the Executive Committee, what were the specific and binding commitments implicit in the grant to the SRC from the Fund for the Republic?

2. Did the Supreme Court decision of May 17th have significance for the Southern Regional Council in meeting these commitments?

3. Are there critical situations in the South which broaden the obligations?

4. What is the responsibility of the Board in fulfilling the Southern Regional Council's commitments implicit in the Fund's grant?

5. The individual responsibility of a Board member?

6. What is the responsibility of the Executive Committee, as the body empowered to act for the Board?

7. The individual responsibility of a member of the Executive Committee?

8. To what extent is the Board assuming its responsibilities?

9. To what extent is the Executive Committee assuming its responsibilities?

10. What information between meetings do the members of the Board need?

11. The members of the Executive Committee?

Mr. Abram, in review, said that it could not be said that they had reached any conclusions; that they, realizing that the work of the Council had been cut out for it since the decision of May 17th, had recognized that it had been necessary to expand the Council very rapidly and that it was still working with limited funds; they had been aware of the good work done in setting up state organizations, and they had all agreed that a good job had been done by the staff. Various factors, mostly relating to the Supreme Court's decision, had made it difficult for the SRC to get prestige support for its program. He suggested greater participation by members of the Board, improvement of finances, and improvement of the form in which matters are brought before the members of the Executive Committee for decision and discussion.

Mr. Hammer, as another member of the Program Planning Committee, said that a good deal of discussion had been given to whether the flow of events subsequent to May 17th had had the effect of changing the real conditions on which the grant from the Fund for the Republic had been made to SRC. Before the decision of the Supreme Court, he said, the Council's program was conceived without considering this change, and should now be regeared. That might mean going back to the Fund for the Republic and urging reconsideration as to whether the Council should continue with its present three efforts at information, development of state organizations, and trouble-shooting (what he called "across the board" type of commitment), as against concentration of all effort and funds on expediting compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. If the latter were done, it would mean a far different role for the central staff. If it were still a basic principle that we go across the board, it means that a lot of our efforts are going to be focused on the long-run effort in the states. He said that the biggest thing discussed in the Planning Committee was the participation of the Board, because if the Council is going to continue with something like its present program, the job is so vast and the Council's efforts so scattered, it will mean a very close relationship between the Executive Committee and Board and central office, and the full participation of all. There is still some question, he said, as to the extent of participation in the organization as a whole, and the matter should become the concern of each member of the Council.

Mr. Abram felt that the central staff could use some additional money so that it could do an effective job in the various hot spots as they appear. For instance, if funds were available, he thought that the Council staff could work against the Citizens' Councils in Mississippi which, if permitted to jell, will impede integration for a long time to come. He felt that the needed funds could be raised if members of the Executive Committee and members of the Board assumed responsibility for doing so.

Miss Wilkins said that the main thing discussed in the Committee meetings was the present tense situation in the South. When people are semi-hysterical, they are going to be susceptible to new ideas in order to be comfortable, and they are going to get their minds crystallized into new ideas. The Council is going to have to take the lead in meeting this. While it doesn't have much money, it certainly has much more than ever before. Other organizations like the Citizens'Councils are at work. She reviewed the actual commitments to the Fund for the Republic. These

were: (1) to get going in twelve Southern states local organizations which, after a period of three years, would be self-supporting; (2) to give leadership to state groups as far as program is concerned; (3) to raise funds on a degree-of-matching basis, and (4) to keep the Council tax-exempt. She wondered if the Council really felt the responsibility in regard to these commitments.

Mrs. Birnie said that the members of the Executive Committee had in the past inadequately discharged its own responsibility, leaving too many things to central office staff personnel.

Mr. Abram, in summary, expressed the view that it was a great mistake for the central staff to have to worry about money for minor details of organizational effort. He wondered whether there could not be a reassignment or reallocation of funds? Could not enough money be raised or found so that the central staff could function under the terms of the grant? If the central office is undernourished because of funds, he believed that SRC should go back to the Fund for the Republic and ask for reallocation of unused state funds, for operating the central office, stating that the Supreme Court's decision made this imperative.

At this point the Committee adjourned for the luncheon interval.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Miss Stoney said that copies of the annual audit had been mailed to members of the Executive Committee before February 17th. She quickly reviewed the principle figures in the audit, and presented January and some February figures. For this meeting of the Executive Committee it had not been possible to get out current finance figures in advance, but for future meetings, she would plan to let the Executive Committee know the finance figures as currently as possible, at least a week before each meeting. Attention was called to the item of interest earned on the funds held by the Council.

TAX-EXEMPTION

The Executive Director brought up this matter which had arisen by reason of an application by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, now currently assisted by SRC, for formal tax-exemption. Only partial exemption had been granted in the Treasury's preliminary ruling, and an appeal had been made on behalf of the Georgia Committee for a hearing in order that full tax-exemption might be obtained. Suggestions were made of other states on which the test issue of tax-exemption might suitably be made. Among them were Tennessee and Kentucky.

LOYALTY CERTIFICATES

The staff had circulated to members of the Executive Committee, previous to this meeting, a notice that in one instance a state chairman had, on grounds solely of conscience, refused to comply with the request for a statement that the employed staff of his state organization were believed by him to be loyal. This was necessary for compliance with the

arrangements made by the November 23rd meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright moved that the Executive Director be authorized to suspend the requirement in any instance when the person felt that he would violate his conscience by signing such a statement.

A substitute motion by Mr. Christopher that the Committee rescind its former action was withdrawn upon the ruling of the Chairman of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee had no power to annul the action of the Board of Directors. The motion formally passed was "That it is the policy of the Board in cases where in local organizations on conscientious grounds the certificate is not made, that the Executive Director of the Council be empowered to make the certificate, if, in his opinion, the person is loyal."

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Executive Director stated that he deplored the age-old thinking that the South is unique, and saw no long-range necessity for an SRC. The emerging pattern for human relations programs in most parts of America is local organizations. The present effort of the Southern Regional Council is to get going, while the Council continued in life, state agencies which could look forward to becoming permanent and perhaps state-aided bodies. The money received from the Fund for the Republic had been for central office expense and for setting up state organizations. A clear commitment had been given to the Fund for the Republic not to spend for central office operation a greater proportion of the total grant than had been agreed upon. If more funds are needed for the operation of the central office, it was the Executive Director's opinion, such funds should be raised by the Council itself. He thought that it would be a breach of trust if money earmarked for the states was used for the central office. He rejected all reasoning that the Supreme Court decision had not been expected, stating that for months before the Supreme Court's decision he and other members of the staff had said repeatedly and in public that the decision would be a stern declaration of principle, with provision for moderate delay and adjustment in application. This had been the decision which had come from the Court, and the type of organization forecast and undertaken by the Southern Regional Council had been, in his view, neatly adapted to the situation presented by the Supreme Court's decision. He said that the state organizations were weak as yet, and in some instances not as aggressive as he had hoped that they might be. But he thought that they were wisely and constructively planned and would be taken up by the better forces in the South. Generally speaking, he stood firmly by what had been committed and said that unless directed otherwise, he would continue to administer the Council's program toward the fulfillment of those commitments.

Mr. Abram said that at the last meeting of the Program Planning Committee, the Committee had been convinced that staff personnel had a clear grasp of the pre-planned program. But that the point of difference was that the Committee thought it important that the central office get funds necessary to enable it to do the things that they knew ought to be done, and to free all members of the staff for full performance in accordance with their duties. He thought that for lack of those funds the Southern Regional Council would suffer, and increasingly so. He

suggested that if the matter of promotion of Changing Patterns, for instance, were laid before the Fund for the Republic, that they would regard a freeing of funds for that purpose as statesmanship rather than as a breach of faith. He agreed that it would be a mistake to go back and request more funds, but suggested that it was practicable and in keeping with the total commitment to make it known to the Fund for the Republic that the central office needed so many thousands of dollars to do the things which the Council ought to be doing. The Executive Director said that the right answer to that is that the Southern Regional Council ought to raise x-thousand of dollars.

Mr. Abram said that the role of the Council is that of working with other organizations to meet a crisis, and required greater resources than at present seem practicable. He moved that the Executive Director should feel morally and legally free to charge to state organization funds, not only travel and direct expenditures in connection with the organization of and services to state organizations, but also the attendant overhead and other costs of operation of the central office, and that sufficient funds therefore be made available to the central staff. And that it is the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee be made responsible for the allocation of these funds.

The Executive Director stated that he would consider the motion as advisory and not directive, and in the absence of direction on that point would not comply. After discussion Mr. Abram withdrew his motion.

The Executive Director said that it was necessary for the Southern Regional Council to raise money within the South to get these jobs done. He suggested that as a starter the Executive Committee make it clear to the Board that each Board member should get or give $100 before September 30, 1955, and that the Executive Committee should begin this itself.

To further questions by Mrs. Birnie and Mr. Griffin as to why travel expense in assistance to state organizations could not be charged to them, it was replied that in certain instances this was being done -- but under carefully circumscribed limitations.

Upon motion of Mr. Abram, it was recommended to the Board by the Executive Committee that "It is the policy of the Executive Committee that each member of the Council be asked to get or give $100 a year." It was amended by Miss Wilkins to say that "In our meeting of February 17th, the Executive Committee pledged itself to get $100 each, and we are asking the other members of the Board to join us." The motion was carried as amended.

Mr. Wright asked the Program Planning Committee to draw up recommendations and present them to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. He said that in particular it was an urgent need for the Executive Committee and the Board to play a more intimate part in the whole procedure of the Council.

Mr. Abram suggested that some members of the Executive Committee and the Board be asked to discuss with various members of the central office staff the work being done, and said that in the field of policy a committee could be arranged.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Parrish said that it would seem desirable that a finance committee of the Board begin to make connections with the finance committees in the states. If there is an interchange of ways of getting money within the states, then all the states could profit by the success of others.

The Executive Director reported that Mr. Edward Vinson has agreed to serve on a Finance Committee, although he is not willing to accept the chairmanship of the Committee. Various members in discussion pointed out that all, or most, members of the Finance Committee might come from the Board, and that whoever was elected as Treasurer might become a member of the Board.

Mr. Wright undertook early conference with the staff in order to agree upon personnel for a Finance Committee.

POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleming, after discussion of suggestions for a statement made by Mr. Wright and others, read a first draft of a proposed statement calculated to say something to encourage people whose impulses are right, but who are discouraged by the general climate and to emphasize the Council's own position at this stage. Discussion revealed that the Committee was agreeable to authorizing Mr. Fleming to reduce the length of the statement for release; that the statement should carry the names of members of the Executive Committee; that the statement be sent to Board members with official notice of adoption of the statement on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Hancock made the motion that the Executive Committee issue such a statement, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Director made the motion that some additional member of the staff, along with himself and Miss Stoney be authorized concurrently to sign checks. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, being the competent body under the By-Laws of the Council, by this instrument empowers Harold C. Fleming to countersign with the Secretary-Treasurer, official checks on the Council's money in his capacity as Assistant Director.

The cooperation of the Executive Committee in disposing of the Council's stock of Answers for Action was requested. The publication is still going well, but in a few more weeks or months will be made out of date by the new decision of the Supreme Court.

The Executive Director proposed that the next annual meeting of the Board be held in New Orleans, and was authorized to make inquiries among the members of the Council, and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

March 8, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Ashley
1611 Drake
Ocala, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

I have an appointment in Orlando the next weekend and I'm wondering if it would be convenient for me to stop by on Friday, March 18, to see you for a while. If you wish and if you feel it is expedient, you might have a group to meet with us.

I would appreciate a quick reply that I might plan my schedule. Enclosed find a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 8, 1955

Miss Charlotte von Stein
Executive Secretary
Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc.
164 Lexington Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss von Stein:

We received the Freedom Agenda pamphlets which you so kindly sent to us under separate cover of your letter of February 21st. Dr. Mitchell is out of the city at present, but left instructions that I send a set of the pamphlets to each Executive Secretary of the Southern Regional Council's affiliated organizations.

In making up the packets, I find that we received no copies of How to Organize a Freedom Agenda Project. I would appreciate it very much if you could send that pamphlet to us so that we may have a complete set to mail to each of our affiliated organizations. Is it possible for us to get at least twelve copies?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

March 8, 1955

Miss Theresa DiCave
Box 719
State Teachers College
West Chester, Pa.

Dear Miss DiCave:

The Southern Regional Council is a race relations agency, and we do not have any material available on immigration.

I would suggest that you write several of the following sources, if you have not already done so:

The America Press
70 E. 45th St.
New York 17, N. Y.

American Friends Service Committee
20 S. 12th St.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Ave.
New York 16, N. Y.

American Jewish Congress
15 E. 84th St.
New York 28, N. Y.

U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service
Nineteenth and E. Capitol NE
Washington, D. C.

Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.

Community Relations Service
386 Fourth Ave.
New York 16, N. Y.

National Council of Churches
of Christ in the USA
297 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.

Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 E. 38th St.
New York 16, N. Y.
Pamphlet 202--Stranger at Our Gate, by Hubert H. Humphrey, Jr.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

March 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are sending air mail today the original and five mimeographed copies of your excellent speech for the Louisiana Council.

We took the liberty of making one or two small changes, which I won't take the time to discuss here, since I don't want to delay the mailing of this note. In any case, the changes are slight and can be easily remedied if you don't approve them.

Grace Hamilton and I (George Mitchell is out of town) are both delighted with your spelling out of the things which right-minded people can and should do to effect integration. I believe that this article overshadows your statement on the legal considerations as valuable material for New South. If you agree, I would like to use it in the next issue. It may be necessary to edit it somewhat for space reasons; if so I will send you the proposed revision for your approval.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

March 8, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

You remember that Mr. D'Orlando wrote January 24th and said that on conscientious grounds he didn't care to be a'signing loyalty certificates re personnel, though goodness knows he nowhere implied that you or Mrs. Cates were anything less than devotedly American.

The Executive Committee of SRC at its meeting February 17, 1955, discussed what to do in cases of this kind (Louisiana the only one), in which on grounds of conscience alone the certificate was not available from the appropriate chairman. The decision was that in such cases the Executive Director, meaning GSM, should be empowered to make an appropriate statement as to the loyalty of the personnel involved. Accordingly, I have certified to your loyalty and to that of Mrs. Cates, and have so notified Mr. D'Orlando in a letter, of which the attached is a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

March 8, 1955

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

You were here at the meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th.

You remember the discussion of tax-exemption for the state organizations.

Paul Christopher suggested that perhaps it would be well if Tennessee or Kentucky proceeded early with this. I agree. Obviously Tennessee isn't yet in position to apply.

Will you therefore talk with Tydings and with Mrs. Dagen and try to get this begun and pushed along vigorously. It's merely a matter of getting in touch with your Louisville U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue's proper official, seeing your lawyer, and drafting an application in approved form. But PLEASE LET US SEE YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE IT IS SENT IN TO THE GOVERNMENT.

OTHER PLEASE -- do make it move.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 9, 1955

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 1183 University Station
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

Let me add one more to your file of non-protesting Southern letters.

I liked the Saturday Evening Post article very much and was, of course, particularly glad to see it in a widely-read national magazine like the Post. I am inclined to share Dr. Kenneth Clark's view on optimistic prophesy—I believe that the facts justify optimism, but even if they didn't, it would still be helpful.

We are getting reprints of the article for distribution.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

March 9, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler, Pres.
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John Hervey:

Thanks so much for sending me a copy of the presentation to the Joint Committees on Education of the North Carolina Legislature. I am delighted to have a copy for my own use. I have noted with interest the press reports of the presentation and surely hope that it gives ideas to groups in other states. I think the language is just right. The new note too infrequently made is that which refers to the cost to the total economy of the outworn practices. I note what I take to be some of the contributions in the material of Bill Brown.

I am glad to hear from Harry Jones that he has been asked to serve as consultant to the North Carolina Council. Should help.

Parrish tells me that he has been invited to the North Carolina annual meeting in April. He is looking forward to it.

I was sorry not to see you when you were here for the Morehouse Founders Day. Congratulations on all your good works and thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 9, 1955

Mrs. E.U. Robinson
675 N. Water Street
Gallatin, Tenn.

Dear Ruth:

I hope you're entirely over the flu and its complications ere this time. Someone told me you had been bes~~t~~ with reactions to our meeting at Charlotte and I hope this has not added to your illness. You were brave and right and that, of course, is a satisfaction to all of us who work in the field of human relations.

We regret so much that you could not be with us February 24th and 25th. Mrs. Wilson and her secretaries measured up in a big way and made us proud of our WSCS and its program of Christian Social Relations.

In a day or two I will send you the program of action worked out and some excerpts from the minutes. I would appreciate hearing from you about your physical condition.

Love,

Dorothy Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Miss Esther Stamats
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Miss Stamats:

It's difficult for me to express my deep gratitude to you for coming from New York and being with us at our meeting of church women. Your support and cooperation was just invaluable.

The Alabama women, under the direction of Mrs. Tatum, ordered quite a supply of material for their annual meeting held yesterday and today and Mrs. Tatum says this is really a preparation for a statewide meeting similar to what we had in Atlanta.

I think our women are not just timid but are puzzled as to the manner in which they can work in hostile communities. I have a feeling though that our South will finally come through alright on integration of schools. As Mr. Fleming told the group, the politicians and legislatures know there is a strong sentiment in the South to do the just and right things. Hence they became busy with laws and amendments. It is really great to be in the center of the section which must be the proving ground for democracy.

Thank you again for all you meant to the women of our nation in the great leadership you are giving us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Mr. R.L. Hunt
National Council of Churches
of Christ
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hunt:

This is somewhat a belated note of thanks to you for the valuable assistance you gave to us at our conference of church women on February 24th.

A follow-up trip to South Georgia prevented my writing to you sooner but my thanks are no less sincere. We are in the process of getting together our program of action and excerpts from the minutes and a copy will be forwarded to you.

Deeply grateful for your cooperation, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Mrs. Charles Johnson
1700 Meharry Blvd.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I was very much disappointed that you could not be with us February 24th and 25th. I really needed you. We are at present getting together a copy of our findings and minutes of the meetings which will be sent to you. In every respect the meeting was a satisfying experience.

To begin with, we had a serious disappointment because we thought we could all be housed at the Waluhaje Apartments. But the housing authorities have put a check on it, and ruled that the Waluhaje cannot take transients as guests. I had felt that an experience of living together would be a valuable part of our conference.

With every good wish to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Dr. C.G. Gomillion, Pres.
Tuskegee Civic Association
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

In response to your letter of February 32nd, I wish to thank you for your check of $42.00. This check has been deposited to the account of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

I know you were very much interested in the meeting of church women that followed the Tuskegee Race Relations Sunday. In every respect it was a gratifying experience. While the women were disturbed, they were seeking ways to ease the tensions and make integration of the schools a peaceful transition.

It was a delightful experience to be at Tuskegee. I especially appreciated the courtesies of Mrs. Gomillion and also the reception given to me by the Civic Association. Please accept my thanks for all of this.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Mrs. J.L. Alford
Covington, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Alford:

Your presence at our conference of church women meant more to me than the presence of anyone else. The job of human relations here in the South is largely the responsibility of Baptist and Methodist women and this is especially true in our own state. I'm deeply grateful to you for fitting this conference into your heavy schedule.

In a few days you will receive the program of action and excerpts from the minutes, and a copy will also be sent to Mrs. Martin.

In this morning's paper, I see a notice of your state conference at Thomasville. I want you to know I will be thinking of you during those days. I wish for you a most successful state convention.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Mrs. C.C. Clark
Box 1201
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I was grieviously disappointed when you did not appear at our conference but decided the rainy weather prevented the plane from taking off from Jackson.

I regret you didn't come on any way for my conversation with you at Charlotte was really a confirmation of the invitation. We will most certainly send you the program of action the women worked out and some excerpts from the minutes in the next few days.

It is quite a satisfaction to me to know of the splendid work you are doing in the trying hours the people of Mississippi are facing today. With every good wish to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Father L.J. Twomey, S.J.
Dir., Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Father Twomey:

This is to thank you for the material you sent to be used and to be distributed at our conference of church women on the Supreme Court decision. I also want to tell you that your letter of February 14th was quite a boost to me and came at a time when I needed an uplift, for the plans of a conference always bring some disappointments along the way.

We had two representatives sent to us by the Committee of the South -- Mrs. Caron and Mrs. England of Rock Hill, South Carolina -- who made a splendid contribution to our discussions.

You may know that I will "never hesitate" to let you know whenever I need help from you. With sincere thanks and deep appreciation of the work of the Catholic Commkttee of the South, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Rt. Rev. M.V. Shean
Box 895
512 Ebenezer Avenue
Rock Hill, S.C.

Dear Father Shean:

Thank you so much for sending to us Mrs. Caron and Mrs. England to share in our church women's conference on the Supreme Court decision.

Their contributions to the discussions were most worthwhile and helpful. They spoke out of experience while the rest of our members were struggling with problems yet to be solved in the integration of schools. You certainly made wonderful selections when you sent your two representatives to us.

I wish you might have been with us. You know I wanted you. Please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian
Service
Methodist Board of Missions
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

What would I have done without you at our meeting of church women? You pulled us back on line many times. We certainly appreciate your great vision of what we should do. It is well to have you way out in front leading us and urging us on.

Noreen Dunn has started to work in Alabama and we sent to her quite a lot of material to be used at the annual meeting of the United Church Women of Alabama. I talked with her over the phone and she said this will be a preparation for a statewide conference of the two races and the three faiths on the Supreme Court decision.

I was delighted to see that you looked so well. With love and best wishes to you and Lottie, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Dr. Malcolm Calhoun
Presbyterian Center
341 B Ponce De Leon Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

It is difficult for me to find words to express my appreciation and thanks for the great service you gave to us at our conference of church women on the Supreme Court decision.

We are now working on the followup that must go to the women in attendance and I will need your help again, and will call and make a date with you. In the meantime, be thinking of a paragraph or two that should go into it out of what you said, not only in the workship but in the discussion. The question of "loneliness" appealed to the women who felt they would have to work alone.

Please accept my thanks not only for this but for your leadership here in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 9, 1955

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Pres.
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

We are deeply grateful for what you did for our women at their conference on the Supreme Court decision.

I regret very much that we don't have a full recording of your speech. It is a story that in part could be repeated in any city that would dare and I hope these women will work towards a goal of Negro representation on the school boards. I think it presents a challenge, too, to the Negro leadership of the South, to think in terms of presenting candidates for school board places.

Please accept our thanks, not only for the time you gave to us, but for the wonderful story that we'll always cherish.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

I got back to find your letter of March 4th. Many thanks for getting the Changing Patterns, and for sending them out so helpfully.

My friends in Baton Rouge would be the standard ones with whom Eugene Sutherland would already have been in touch. But he would get the soundest of advice from Elsie Wilson and from Father Gremillion. The head girl at the Catholic Friendship House is Mary Dolan. Wise and informed Catholic couple much interested in employment for Negroes is the Daniells. He runs a battery business.

Elsie Wilson knows the top boys in town and could get Sutherland access to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Airmail Special Delivery

March 10, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milt:

I will be out in New Orleans for the New Orleans District meeting on Marcy 14th at 6:30 pm at the Hayes Restaurant, and will be glad to participate in any way in that meeting. I will also be out in time for the meeting Sunday morning and will be glad to participate in it also. Would you be good enough to call Peter E. Duffy at the Southeastern Regional Interracial Commission and tell him I will be pleased to attend.

I would appreciate it if you would make reservations for me at the Hotel Senator -- one of the more reasonable hotels and only coincidentally in the French Quarter. Reservations should be made for Saturday and Sunday night. I will be taking a late flight -- 11:30 p.m. back to Atlanta Monday night.

Best regards to your good wife, Barbara, and I'm looking forward to seeing you, and will call you after I get in town sometime Saturday -- though don't stay home or wait for the call.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Development

FBR/rmf
cc: CHD

March 10, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Silberman, Jr.
2920 North Commonwealth
Chicago, Illinois

Dear The Silbermans:

I am deeply grateful for being admitted into the family for supper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brody
5463 Cornell Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear The Brodys:

I am accustomed to saying that certain politicians are like the rubber balls pushed aloft on a fountain squirt. Withdraw the squirt and they amount to nothing. The squirt in their case is just flattery to sustain their pride. I must say that I was sustained for most of last Sunday by your kindness to me. Lunch, a crowd to talk to, a pleasant home to be in, company, and transportation!

There can be no proper reward, but I appoint you as executives of the Chicago branch office of the Southern Regional Council!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Miss Elisabeth Stein
1008 East Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

I am grateful for a lot of things, but mostly because I could see you in your own surroundings and share a little in the satisfactions of your living. They were grand friends all around. I don't know when I have talked with a more inviting bubble-up of a college audience. I suspect that a very particular word of thanks is due to the Bowmans, and I charge you to relay it.

When I went yesterday morning to settle my bill with Tilden Hall, the clerk read some fine writing on a card and said, "All of that has been taken care of." I did some very satisfactory snoozing in that hotel, and I am grateful to you for it.

The bus business was slowish across to Urbana and then to Denver and then down to Terre Haute. But I got a glimpse of the campus at the University, and I saw miles and miles of rich black Illinois corn land farms, and I stopped at fifteen little villages and saw how people lived. And I had a good night's sleep on the train last night, and here I am this morning.

I was truthful about liking your town of Bloomington. It and its surroundings can use more of what your lifetime within it will put into it. But it is a pretty good base on which to build.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Official SRC receipt

Air Mail Special Delivery

March 10, 1955

The Rev. Mr. C.S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

We received with interest your letter concerning the employment of Nat Griswold and Christopher Mercer by the Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

I have talked this over with George Mitchel and C.H. Parrish and we all have complete confidence in the judgment of your committee and fully approve of your selection of staff.

The contract with Mr. Mercer should specify that he is to work half-time at a salary of $5000 per year and will receive one half that amount for his halftime work. In the event that he does not accept the position, I note you recommend Mr. Walker. Both Dr. Parrish and I were very favorably impressed with Mrs. Hakewood, too.

It was a very gratifying experience for both Dr. Parrish and me to sit in on your committee while it was actually screening candidates and we were much impressed with the professional job you were doing.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:raf
cc: CHP

March 10, 1955

Miss Helen E. Amerman
Illinois Commission on Human Relations
160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Helen:

You make those folks fix you up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker
Plainville Road
La Grange, Illinois

Dear Adele and Ken:

The trouble about ordinary four or five day trips is that you stay bleakly in hotels. This was a most nice trip because I stayed at the Parkers. Whopping glasses or orange juice in the mornings, whopping breakfasts, wine and talk before bed, and all the events of an on-going family to be part of!

Have a grand time in the trip coming up. All the Mitchells are thinking about all the Parkers.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Waters:

I am only back this morning from the travel which put me with the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-Of-The-Woods last Friday. They were, as usual, most gracious to me -- I am always handed about just as though I were a Bishop.

They got together a large audience made up of girls at the college, the Novices, and quite a number of the Sisters themselves. Perfectly usual map speech, but they seemed to enjoy it.

On behalf of the Mother Superior (who had to be away in Chicago) they handed me a whole $50.00 to add to the Council's treasury.

I am grateful for the chance to stop and talk with the group, and to make those new friends.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mrs. Robert L. MacDougall
4141 Club Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Margaret:

Thanks for your hospitality and time spent with Mrs. Meerman on Tuesday afternoon. I am sure that whatever you could do to help her understand the Atlanta and Georgia scene was beneficial.

Sorry not to have seen you when you came for the FEPC materials. I am enclosing the St. Louis League of Women Voters pamphlet about which I spoke to you.

Do let us know whenever there are ways in which we can be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf
enclosure:
St. Louis Integrates its Schools

March 10, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
Louisiana Council on Human
Relations
Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of Dr. Sander's book, "Make Good Communities Better."

It seems to us an excellent guide to sound processes of community organization. The Kentucky Community Services Committee and consultants, who are looking into the state of communities in Kentucky in terms of the public school situation, are using Dr. Sander's book for their own guidance.

We believe you will be interested.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

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Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mrs. M.S. Lyells, Ex. Sec.
Mississippi Council on Human
Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of Dr. Sander's book, "Make Good Communities Better."

It seems to us an excellent guide to sound processes of community organization. The Kentucky Community Services Committee and consultants, who are looking into the state of communities in Kentucky in terms of the public school situation, are using Dr. Sander's book for their own guidance.

We believe you will be interested.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mr. W.H. Perry, Jr.
2230 W. Chestnut Street
Louisville 11, Ky.

Dear Mr. Perry:

How nice to have a note from you.

We have sent you the two copies requested of Changing Patterns and I trust that you have them by now. It will be a real service to get them into the hands of interracial committees in all the Episcopal parishes of your diocese. Hope you can bring this about. You will be interested to know that we have mailed announcements of Changing Patterns to a wide group of institutions and organizations throughout the South. It seems to us to be useful for teaching purposes both in high schools and colleges, and adult groups.

Good reports continue to come from Kentucky. With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mrs. Mary Kate Duskin
72 Edgewood Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mary Kate:

Just a note to say thank you for your generous hospitality to Mrs. Meerman. She told me how much she enjoyed the meeting with the church group on Monday morning and what a pleasure it was for her to know you and the other members of the YWCA staff with whom she visited at lunch time.

We all appreciate your hospitality and generosity.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I notice that your February finance report has not yet come in.

I know you are busy, but it will have to be a rule that the report does come in in the first two or three days of each new month.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
1579 Parsons Place, N. W.
Apartment 5
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

I notice that your February finance report has not yet come in.

I know you are busy, and I am sure that there has been some uncertainty as to whose business it was to do it, but it will have to be a rule that the report does come in in the first two or three days of each new month.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is March 10th, and your February finance report has not yet been received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mrs. Frances Pauley, Pres.
Georgia League of Women Voters
78 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Frances:

Thanks for all of your help and hospitality with Mrs. Meerman.

She was very appreciative of the afternoon spent with Mrs. Norsworthy of the De Kalb League. I did not see her after the time spent with Mrs. MacDougall but know how much her interpretation of the Georgia scene would mean to a guest with Mrs. Meerman's interests.

Man Many thanks. We hope to see you soon.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 10, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

It seems to me that you lag a little on memberships and money taken in? You have been running five months, total reported in $203. Six or seven months to go. Must be $1800 plus.

I am sure that you have got plans, but I also want to be sure that you know that we are concerned.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. John H. Wheeler

March 10, 1955

Mr. Alston H. Keller
Chief
Exchange and Gift Division
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Keller:

Most kind of you to write about father's book. But you perceived correctly; goodness knows I have no interest in copyright for it, and wish only that it should get around.

But I appreciate your kind remembering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mr. Arthur J. Altmeyer
Carolina Inn
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Altmeyer:

Monday morning, May 30th, is as good as Monday night as far as I am concerned!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 10, 1955

Mr. William Van Til
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Van Til:

A round trip first class ticket with a roomette each way, Atlanta to Chicago and back, costs $78.77. Actually, I performed the last lap of the journey somewhat differently, but I think it is reasonable to bill you for that amount.

I had a grand time with the John Dewey Society and with the other big outfit too.

Please let me come again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab KS

March 10, 1955

Sister Loretta Therese, S.P.
Saint Mary-Of-The-Woods,
Indiana

Dear Sister Loretta Therese:

I am back at my desk this morning after all the intervening days in Chicago and Bloomington, Illinois. Came back through Terre Haute yesterday, and took the Georgian from there remembering warmly how kindly you had all been to me at Saint Mary-Of-The-Woods.

It was really a most pleasant occasion and I am really most grateful for the opportunity of talking to the group. And our Council is pleased and delighted to have a whole $50.00 to add to its treasury!

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt

March 10, 1955

Miss Dorcas Ruthenberg
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville Courier-Journal
Sixth and Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ruthenberg:

At the request and the compliments of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, we are sending you under separate cover some materials which we believe will be useful to you in preparation for the WHAS radio station, "The Moral Side of the News" which will be dealing with school desegregation.

We understand that one of the early programs will be concerned with the role of the church, therefore the emphasis in this first packet upon statements of religious groups. If you will let us know the other areas which will be covered in subsequent programs, we will be happy to try to add to the resources.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf
enclosures: Toward the South of the Future
New South - February 1955
School Integration (NCCW)
St. Louis Integrates its Schools
It Can Be Done (NAACP)
Changing Patterns
The Churches Speak
Christian Conscience
Statement of Executive Committee (3/6/55)
News Service (Catholic Interracial Council)
[illegible]

cc: CHP

March 10, 1955

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

I find myself in rather an embarrasing position as a Methodist because we haven't heard from you in reference to your acceptance of a place on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Of course I know how busy a Bishop is, and how much he is absent from his office. Mrs. Robinson reported your acceptance but, of course, we ought to have your official acceptance.

We need you with your vision and courage, and I hope you will find time to send in your acceptance very shortly.

With the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Watkins, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET/eab

March 10, 1955

The Editor
Saturday Evening Post
Curtis Publishing Company
Independence Square
Philadelphia, 5, Penna.

Dear Sir:

We send our congratulations and appreciation to the Saturday Evening Post for the article by Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle on the prospects for public school integration in the South which you carried in the February 19th issue.

Please tell us whether reprints are available -- and if so at what cost per 100.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf
cc: Mrs. Boyle

March 10, 1955

Dr. Harry Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

I'm truly indebted to you for your help at our church women's conference.

I'm sure the women will never forget the story you gave at the end of your worship services -- the story of the little girl and the businessman who was determined he would no nothing for the Negro school.

I appreciate the fact that you thought this conference of enough importance, and it was, to leave your district superintendents to come to us. This is not the first time you have helped me and it's not going to be the last time, I'm sure. Thanks for all of it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

March 10, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
624 Masonic Building
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

This is truly a note of regrets. First of all, I regret very much that you did not find it possible to be at our meeting on February 24th and 25th. We really needed you.

As I thought it would, the question of the NAACP did come up from the floor and Dr. Mitchell gave a short but splendid presentation of it, and I noticed that the women took full notes on it. However, as we are preparing the follow-up material on the conference, we will include the statement.

My second regret is that I was unable to attend the session of your regional NAACP here. I knew and still know that I would have gained much from it. But complications at home made it imperative that I stay there.

From time to time, I wish you would give me whatever information you may gather about the Citizens Councils -- or any other developments, good or bad -- that I might pass it on to these women who are working in this field.

The United Church Women of Alabama ordered material for their annual meeting March 8 and 9. Mrs. Candler Tatum, chairman of Christian Social Relations, promises to call a meeting similar to the one we had here in Atlanta at some early date. I will go to Alabama to help her get it ready and again we'll need you.

With very good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

March 10, 1955

Peter E. Duffy, Chairman
Southeastern Regional Interracial Commission
Catholic College Students
P.O. Box 694
New Orleans, La.

Glad to participate in panel discussions on March 13.

Frederick B. Routh

March 10, 1955

Mr. Robert C. L. George
Executive Director
The Council Against Discrimination
of Greater Chicago
187 North La Salle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. George:

Many thanks, and I am looking forward to the dinner on the 16th.

As you know, I have to be in Cincinnati the night before to talk to the Urban League. I will ride the Riley the morning of the 16th. She leaves Cincinnati at 8:30 a.m. and I believe gets to Chicago around 1:00. In any case, no earthly need for anybody to meet me. I will get myself over to the Morrison Hotel and claim my room which you have so kindly engaged and be available to the press at 2:30 p.m. at the Morrison Hotel that afternoon. Or if the press wants me moved somewhere else, I will appear where they say.

All straight to be on hand at the Terrace Casino at 6:00.

My guess is that the kind of speech you want depends more on how the guy feels than on what is in his head. I will try to be feeling good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

I think you will successfully sell all or most of the thirty copies of Changing Patterns in the New South. So I send them up. And some fliers along with.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Ruth Alexander (along with incoming correspondence from Emerson Smith)

March 11, 1955

TO: KS

When and if leisure lights upon you, you might give a thought to preserving for ultimate travel to the binder all issues of New South since the incumbency of Marion Wright.!

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Mighty kind indeed of the Marion R. Ascoli Fund, and we are deeply grateful for the contribution.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official Receipt of SRC.

March 11, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Something is still not unraveled about the treasury of the Texas Commission on Race Relations, and requirement that monthly finance reports be sent to us here.

Please assert your authority and fix matters so that Sutherland is in position to get the reports in to us smack on time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland

March 11, 1955

TO: GUY WELLS

A long-time Atlanta friend of the Council tells me that he has at last persuaded his brother-in-law into an interest in this kind of cause. The brother-in-law's name is Ted V. Fisher, 3037 Normore Drive, N. W., Atlanta.

If you will write Mr. Fisher and tell him that you have heard that he would wish to become a member of the Georgia Interracial Committee, I am pretty sure that he will send you back the membership fee.

March 11, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Shipherd
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Betty:

I am a'coming as convenanted. I expect to be there the 26th in the morning, and stay for Sunday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

~~Cullinan~~ Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would be grateful if the Club would hold an inexpensive room for me for the night of Wednesday, April 13.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mr. William B. Lipphard
Executive Secretary
The Associated Church Press
152 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Lipphard:

All is in order for my end of the meeting of the Associated Church Press in Washington, Wednesday, April 13. The topic "Desegregation and Integration" is quite acceptable. 10:30 a.m. is all right. I will probably arrive on an early morning train and get myself to the meeting.

I shall be staying at the Cosmos Club where the telephone number is Dupont 7-7783.

The only thing I don't yet know is where the meeting is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mr. Herbert L. Wright
Youth Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

Most kind of you to send in a check for $24.76, which squares us completely.

I enjoyed that bunch. You know I find a good part of my job these days is moving around the South making it plain to uninformed people that the NAACP is right!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

I don't know how we slipped up on Warren Wilson Junior College at Swannanoa, North Carolina. Actually, we have known from first hand experience that it has behaved for many years!

Nice to have a visit; I hope for another one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mr. Ted DuCuennois
406 Vaughan Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Ted:

I didn't know that they had you in Kentucky. Welsted came to the meeting, and I guess will come on to the Virginia Council though he had to do some more clearing with his people. We thought of you as the right man to represent the C.I.O. in the state.

If you are going to be away for a goodish while, would you name us somebody else in the C.I.O. in Virginia who should be on?

Here is a list of all but three or four of those who have accepted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

March 11, 1955

Mr. Daniel R. Francis
1221 N. W. Sixty-Seventh Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

We had hard luck about the $110 check, which came back complaining of only one signature. If it needs two, please do another one with the two signatures and this time she will ride through.

Maybe the treasurer could scare up the $16.00 for the Answers for Action along about the same time?

I am still remembering what a good crowd that was.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

March 11, 1955

Mr. Robert R. Solenberger
Charlotte Court House,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Solenberger:

I am sure you and I have many links in common. Certainly your training and experience are of the greatest interest.

I have sent your letter and papers on to the temporary chairman of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, P. O. Box 208, Staunton, Virginia.

At the same time I have told Carroll Brooke that I would be telling you that the Chairman of the Committee on Personnel for the Virginia Council on Human Relations, Mr. J. Earl Moreland, Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Virginia.

I think that what is available in Virginia is a position as Executive Secretary of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

Quite possibly worth your gasoline to get yourself from Keysville to Ashland and see Mr. Moreland.

So plan your trip that when you get back to Keysville you are just in time for dinner at night at the Keysville Hotel. When you chomp that chomping remember me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. J. Earl Moreland
Reverend W. Carroll Brooke

March 11, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I have known only three or four people in my lifetime whose balance of judgment, delicacy of taste, and deftness of statement, made every piece of writing admirable. The man Allan Barth who writes editorials, or did, for the Washington Post was one. We used, in the government, to be able to call him with the sketchiest statement of facts. The next morning there would be an editorial neatly knocking in every nail big and small.

So, thanks for your two letters to Mr. Levin and to Mr. Heller.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Post Office Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

This young man sent in his papers, and I send them promptly on to you.

Paper records don't always tell the story, but certainly the young man has had amazingly apt experience and training.

I have written back to Solenberger and told him that you are the Chairman, for the time being at any rate, and that Dr. Moreland at Ashland is the head of the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Cooper from Hampton was here yesterday on some unrelated matter at one of the colleges. He said that various persons had evidenced to him that he was being considered for the job in Richmond.

I used the time to fill him in on what was a'foot in Virginia, but carefully encroached not at all on Virginia's judgment as to whom it would take on. Cooper also seemed to me an attractive candidate.

Of course, what Virginia ought to do is raise enough extra money to enable it to take on two people at co-equal salaries!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Copy of Changing Patterns and an original of this letter sent to:

Dear Bishop _____

This is a really useful new publication. I know you are busy, but I wish you would look down the Index. Then if you can help us get it into places where it will be serviceable, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Changing Patterns under separate cover this date.

Bishop S. L. Greene
Bishop Frank M. Reid
Bishop Joseph Gomez
Bishop C. A. Gibbs
Bishop W. R. Wilkes
Bishop John C. Claybourne
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Bishop B. W. Doyle
Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
Bishop Willis J. King
Bishop Edgar A. Love

March 11, 1955

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March 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
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FROM: George S. Mitchell

On the basis of the attached letter, I have this morning been in touch with Messrs. Will Alexander and Harry Jones. The dates of June 2nd and 3rd will be reserved for us on Alexander's calendar. Our group will be welcome on their front porch.

New Hope Camp is the other side of Chapel Hill from the Alexander's farm, total distance seven or eight miles. But a negotiable distance, and one they are accustomed to.

Harry Jones thinks the Camp staff would like to have us out before Friday night in order that they may have the weekend free for an incoming group. So, in conversations with Jones, I asked him to reserve the Camp for us for two nights, the night of June 1st and the night of June 2nd; we to stay on on Friday, June 3rd as long as the camp would permit, but in any case until after 12:00 noon. This shapes up then as the group gathering in the late afternoon of June 1st, having supper together June 1st at the Camp, and being there the night of June 2nd and the morning of June 3rd.

Jones said he was satisfied that we could have the Camp and we might proceed to plan on that basis.

I told Jones that I thought the total in attendance would be between 25 and 30.

Confirming our understanding this morning: Mrs. Hamilton is in charge of planning the program, and Fred Routh, with dependence on Stoney and Harry Jones, is in charge of physical arrangements.

I would like from time to time to be advised of how the program and the arrangements are proceeding, but I expect to be able to get to North Carolina from California June 1st and find a smoothly organized conference in session.

GSM/mb
Encl.

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NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

March 4, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Neither the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill nor Duke University can make provisions to house interracial groups. I have found in talking with Claude Shotts, the YMCA Secretary at Chapel Hill, that there is a camp about half way between Chapel Hill and Durham which will accomodate interracial groups. This is Camp New Hope, operated by Orange Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church. The YMCA at Chapel Hill uses this camp for student conferences.

We got in touch with John Ensign, the director of this camp, and he could accomodate our group any time from May 31 through June 3. The camp staff is in training during that week and they could easily accommodate our small group at a minimum cost.

Please let me know as soon as possible what you think of this suggestion. If you like the idea, let me know the exact date you propose for our conference, and the approximate number of people expected to attend.

Sincerely,

/s/

Harry S. Jones
Executive Secretary

HSJ:s

March 11, 1955

Mr. Walter G. Paschall
899 Briarcliff Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Paschall:

Correspondence with friends in Nashville elicits the information that the correct and adequate address for Mr. Walter Sharp is Cheekwood, Nashville, Tennessee.

If you haven't already written him that we are good eggs, I hopeyou will

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

TO: KS

Could you or Ruth Alexander undertake the keeping of a file on this hundred dollar business so that later in the year it will be easy to know who has promised, who has given, and who is delinquent?

March 11, 1955

Mrs. Paul Hodges
2615 Essex Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Lillian:

Many thanks!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Ashley
1611 Drake Street
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

Thank you so much for your letter just received.

I will reach Ocala by plane at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18th, and will leave by bus sometime that afternoon for Orlando. I do not know bus schedules, so if you arrange a meeting you can take the bus schedule into consideration. I do not have to reach Orlando at any particular time.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

March 11, 1955

Mr. Desmond Walker
Secretary-Treasurer
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum
and Plastic Workers of America
Congress of Industrial Organizations
United Rubber Workers Building
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Walker:

We just naturally like the Rubber Workers, and we are mighty pleased that the Rubber Workers like us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Official Receipt/

March 11, 1955

Mr. George Meany
President
American Federation of Labor
A. F. of L. Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

You and the American Federation of Labor help our Southern Regional Council very greatly indeed by giving us the grant of $1,000!

Nothing gives us more courage to keep at our job than the confidence of good people in us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official Receipt

March 11, 1955

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
The Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Paul:

The Virginia Council on Human Relations organised itself officially only on February 22nd. It elected as its temporary Chairman (unpaid) the Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, P. O. Box 208, Staunton, Virginia, and as Chairman of its Personnel Committee, Mr. J. Earl Moreland, Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Virginia. Moreland's Committee has the picking of staff personnel to do. I expect the group to become really active after Easter.

If you are still interested, you ought to write to Moreland and send a copy to Carroll Brooke.

I am afraid that I don't get this year to the Southern Sociological meetings, though I would like to.

Do help us spread that Changing Patterns business around. We need to sell a lot of them!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Miss Loretta Butler
St. Peter Claver Center
814 Seventh Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Butler:

Nice of you to write.

I am next to be in Washington on Wednesday, April 13. at 10:30 in the morning I have to make a talk to something called the Associated Church Press.

So far as I know, I am not committed to anybody for the late afternoon of the 13th, and I expect to be staying in Washin ton the night of the 13th. The evening is free, and various bits of Thursday, April 14th.

I have another commitment to George Guernsey of the CIO to do his bidding for a group in Montgomery County, Maryland, during the time of the April 13-14 visit. So the practical end of matters is that I can do anything for you between the late afternoon of the 13th and the end of the 14th which you and George Guernsey can agree on! His telephone number in Washington, as I have it listed, is EXecutive 3-5581. He is in charge of the Workers Education Program for the CIO.

I would like to be of any service to you that I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. George T. Guernsey

March 14, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is a slightly edited version of the speech you are making in New Orleans today. The revisions are made for several reasons: to accommodate the tyrant space; to make the application southwide; and to change its cast from that of a speech to that of an article.

Only one of the changes, I think, calls for a special word; that is the slight change in the first line of page 6, which you may want to reject. It seemed to me that some people might validly challenge the implication that North Carolina has shown unqualified wisdom in its attitude towards integration. This is a fly speck, of course, and I am prepared to retract the suggestion at a moment's notice.

In any case, all of the changes made are proposed with the expectation that you will object to any that are unacceptable to you. I'm also aware of the fact that I have not yet secured your permission to use the speech in New South and will look forward to word from you on that point.

I am sure that the group in New Orleans will be as pleased with the speech as we were here.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf
enclosure

March 14, 1955

Professor d'Arco Silvio Avalle
Visiting Professor
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Avalle:

Miss Lovecky wrote me that you were hereabouts, and that you expect to be coming to Atlanta later this month. Do come to see us, here at the office or at my home, 906 Lullwater Road, N. E. (Home's on your way in from Athens). Home 'phone is Dearborn 5961 and office phone is Walnut 7963.

I'm here in Atlanta most of the last half of March.

Good egg at Athens: Gregor Sebba, teaching History, or Government.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mr. A. Hurford Crosman
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Crosman:

Thank you for the excellent summary on the Little River Farm matter.

It is a delight to see people who are only proxy farmers deal in all these intricate matters of whose hens and whose second mortgage on what. That is the cross-over between city people and farm people, for lack of which we all suffer!

I wish the Friends' interest in this little, and well-done project, could spread into something that would put similar care onto the arrangements on every Southern acre.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Gene:

Glad to know about Avalle, and have written him welcoming note.

Tilly's meeting was a good 'un. I've started a long letter giving the dope, and duly it will arrive.

It just happened that Mrs. Tilly had that New York trip a'coming up anyway. We wrote ahead through CSJ, but not long enough ahead! Better luck next time. Anyway the meeting did a thousand's worth of good.

My next run North at all is to Washington, April 13, and I have no present plan to go on, but maybe I will. If and when, I visit the Hon. the JHWF and contents!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Editor
Daytona Beach Evening News
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

One of the nicest things a man can see in this life is an editorial which with sure touch drives in all the nails, big and little.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Miss Ada M. Field
New Garden Road
Route 1
Guilford College,
North Carolina

Dear Ada Field:

The necest kind of person is a self-starter, who writes in to see how to hook on!

SRC until six or seven months ago was a Southwide membership organization, charging its members three dollars a year, and sending them its maggie. Then we got some goodish Foundation help, and turned ourselves into a small Board, helping each of twelve state organizations in this field to put on paid staff, build up their own membership, and do things locally. So people now are asked to join their state outfit, and my office sent on a copy of your letter to Harry Jones, who is the executive of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, with an office at 121 East Third Street in Charlotte. Good guy, and will do usefully, with the help of good North Carolinians like yourself. I think the dues there are five dollars, but I'm not sure, and Harry will write you. And of whatever dues, two dollars comes to us to pay for New South which you will therefore be receiving. And she's a nice maggie!

I don't know whether they'll ask me back to Guilford, but I hope they do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

March 3rd you wrote me with expressions of concern about our slow-moving and as yet apparently resultless project for a Commission on Equal Penalties. And March 4th our statistical friend at the University of North Carolina, who has been putting together the final draft of the report, sent it in.

I have only the one precious copy of his final report. I now entrust it to you, so as to avoid the delay of making more copies in this office. Please try to get it back to us within a reasonable while, particularly because I want SRC's President, Marion Wright, to review it with care.

One or two matters to be cleared away first. True that a full half of the money was put up by the Adele Levy Fund and the Doris Duke Foundation; true also, however, that we did faithfully match those amounts with monies raised in the South. True also that this project has all along been kept entirely separate in our books from SRC's general funds, and has been reported on separately by our annual audit. The condensed figures for 1953 were given in the January, 1954 issue of New South (enclosed), and I mail you a copy of our 1954 audit.

True also that the last time I was in New York, which must have been November or December, 1954, I stopped in at your office and told you that we were greatly disappointed at the inadequacy of statistical base resulting from the study as made; that the criticism could well be made that the bulk of the funds had been spent and a factual basis for findings by an impartial commission had not been sufficiently laid. You and I agreed then with, I believe, Larry Bloomgarden's concurrence, that the best thing to do would be to regard the material arising from the study as supporting material for some later and larger review of the statistical facts as to unequal penalties. We were all also in agreement that this was not a particularly good time at which to ask a panel of Southern people connected with the law to pronounce in this field; as other concerns occupied the forefront of public attention. Under the circumstances, I thought it agreed, though with regret, all around that there was nothing to do except to appraise with care the final report that would be

made of the study, expecting that a little later on it would come in handy as supporting material.

We none of us at that time addressed ourselves to the problem of what should be said to private and foundation contributors toward the project. My own inclination would be for me to write the Adele Levy Fund and the Doris Duke Foundation, and the principal contributors from the Southern area, and recount the development of the project thus far, reporting the expenditures, and stating that the SRC is holding the matter of impaneling representative citizens ~~and~~ asking for a review of the whole matter of equal penalties until some device could be found for providing an adequate body of information on which such a panel could decide.

So it seems to me that the nub of the matter is how we are to proceed to get those further facts.

When you and Larry have had opportunity to confer about the whole matter, write me again. And if you wish I will be glad to write to the various contributors.

I do not claim that our effort to get in the facts was especially skillful, but I do claim that it was diligent and sincere. It does occasionally happen that foundations pay for something that turns out to be a dry well. If the well is dry the digger should so report.

It may just possibly be that Larry will see further statistical devices for getting more information out of what the study brought in. I am prepared to try to get hold of the whole body of statistical information and make it available to him.

My own preference on the fact-gathering in this matter has been to get law students from Southern law schools to do the work. I think the fact that that was not done in this instance largely accounts for the failure to pull in a sufficiency of fact.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls. - 1954 Audit
Copy New South for January, 1954
Barth Report on CEP

cc: MAW

March 14, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Many thanks for the order for the two copies of Changing Patterns, and the money to pay for them! Mailed to you today.

Excellent program, and I am sorry it wasn't as well attended as you had hoped. But moving to a new city is bound to make it thinner.

The Texas Commission should make its own rules about payment for travel. We only want you to spend your money wisely. If Sutherland travels extensively, presumably he would use up what is in the budget; on the other hand, if it is more important to convene goodish meetings of the Executive Committee, do that. Personally, I am strongly for doing everything needful to get the active cooperation of your Board and Executive Committee people.

I am sorry to say that we had evidence from a good many sources that the February issue of New South got bunged up in the mails. Katherine Stoney tells me that she will abandon the effort to mail it au naturelle, and will henceforth put it in envelopes again.

Anna Holden will be glad to know that Trinity University is open. We will put it on our supplementary lists.

I remain perfectly satisfied that Texas is going to do a good job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mr. Guy Johnson
Box 652
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Barth sent his stuff in March 4th. I think he has done a good and careful job with a lean body of fact. I don't know what our friends in New York will finally decide, but they are angry with me for taking so long and getting so little in the end -- particularly after we have spent nearly all the money. But we raised a full half of the money.

I think the general view is that these facts can usefully be adduced at some later time when more facts are in hand; and the whole body of fact may then persuade an impartial commission to useful performance.

There's about $300 or $350 left, I think, in the treasury of the Commission on Equal Penalties. It isn't to be sneezed at and it shouldn't be lightly handed away. I expect to have much need for it later.

But my conscience is burdened somewhat by the possibility that Barth spent uncompensated amounts of time in preparing this final draft. I have forgotten the exact terms of our bargain with him. Generally speaking, I think we gave him so much an hour for his statistical work, that to include the write-up. Does this gibe with your recollection, or do you think we owe Barth some further amount, and if so how much?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: MAW

March 14, 1955

Mr. Ernest A. T. Barth
303C - Alumni Building
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Barth:

I am warmly appreciative of your kindness in putting together the final report and sending it on down.

By all accounts these have been very busy weeks for you and it cannot have been easy to get in the many extra hours that this took.

We will have to confer with others interested in the whole project before we decide on the next step. Meanwhile, if you will put together in some one spot all of the schedules and resulting statistical papers and facts, I will on some fairly soon occasion be coming through Chapel Hill and will pick them up.

With warm appreciation,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

This is a pretty severe tongue-lashing from Ed Lukas, but I do not think we deserve it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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March 14, 1955

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, S.C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed is a somewhat abbreviated version of your review which I submit for approval.

I confess that I cut out the paragraph about the Presbyterian Church for reasons of "public relations." We've always felt that the best strategy for New South is to play up what is good and encourage something better on the part of the churches. Heaven knows, we are grateful for the kind of honest criticism that you have voiced so well in church publications, for that's where it is most effective.

In any case, I think the enclosed version stands up well despite the cuts, and I hope you will find it satisfactory. If not, let me know at your earliest convenience.and I will try to rectify it.

Again, thanks and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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enclosure

March 14, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The pamphlet was called on its cover, "Progress of Freedom in the United States," and on its title page, "Steps Toward Racial Integration: Excerpts from the 23rd Annual New York Herald-Tribune Forum on the 'Progress of Freedom in the United States'." I daresay you can get some from the U. S. Information Agency through Senator Johnston.

Also, you could get some by writing to Mrs. Helen Hiatt Waller, Herald Tribune Forum, 230 West Forty-First Street, New York City.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

I have looked through the draft of the stores business, and I think it admirable and calculated to produce results.

It seems almost quaint to have its evidence of the survival of antediluvian attitudes; but there it is as we well know. I think you will help everybody if you will get it into print.

I will do my best to see the people in Chicago.

I saw Sarah Patton Boyle at a meeting in Virginia. She said that the title of the article was not of her choosing at all, but that the magazine thought it would be a catchy one. I agreed with the maggie and don't mind the title.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 14, 1955

Mrs. Iola Jones
711 Oakland Avenue
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I trust that you are getting in touch with Mrs. Spearman directly. She can be reached at 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, telephone # 6-8808.

As far as I am concerned the date is free on my calendar (April 8th and 9th) but I am chinchy as you know and just don't go places unless people can rake up the travel at least.

But you know I am, in any case, a warm friend to your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 15, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Thank you for your note of March 9th. We have sent to Miss Lewis 150 copies of the SRC pamphlet "Towards the South of the Future." Miss Stoney has also sent the cards showing former members of the Council and/or subscribers to New South in Tennessee.

We hope that your letters will bring results, and that the plans of the Executive Committee for the work of the Tennessee Council are proceding nicely.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

March 15, 1955

Office of Senator Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We would be most grateful if you would send us a full copy of Senator Kefauver's report on the Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

March 15, 1955

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
Director, Public Relations
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Henry:

We inquired of the Saturday Evening Post about the availability of reprints of the Sarah Patton Boyle article. We were told that the Post is not reprinting it but that the N.A.A.C.P. has had permission to. If it is now available, or will be in the near future, will you please send us 100 copies and let us know about the cost.

Judging from the comments by some of the Alabama columnists, this article is surely getting under their skin.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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March 15, 1955

Mr. George M. Hauser
The Fellowship of Reconciliation
21 Audubon Avenue
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Hauser:

I am sorry I don't know of anything now that would work. But come to see us when you do light on your feet again, and we can get things worked at together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 15, 1955

Mr. Thomas Byrd
Burnsville,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Byrd:

You were going to be so kind as to send me a list of some Texas or other Southwestern people (including if available Louisiana and Western Tennessee, and perhaps Arkansas), who might be responsive to telephone calls from Harry Ashmore, or (for the more easterly areas) Hodding Carter.

It will help me a lot if you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 15, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

I had a little flurry at the time of your trip to New Orleans and tried to get Milton Vigo to track you down at the Town and Country Motel, but nobody could find you.

We are preparing to activate a Finance Committee for the SRC. In this connection, Morris Abram, one of our leading Board members, talked by telephone with Harry Ashmore and Hodding Carter. Each of these gentlemen said that he would be willing to telephone or otherwise be in touch with up to 100 persons and ask them to send in a stoutish contribution on the order of $100 to SRC. Ashmore was willing to cover Arkansas, Oklahoma, northern Louisiana, and east Texas. Carter was willing to cover West Tennessee and Louisiana (said no use in Mississippi right now!).

The problem is that this office must supply each telephoner with names of suitable people to call.

I will not move on the matter until I have approval of our people in the states involved.

I suggest that we make an arrangement under which persons asked to contribute would be asked to split their contribution half to SRC in Atlanta and half to the appropriate state organization affiliated with SRC. That seems to me reasonable but it may not seem reasonable to state people. Vigo checked that proposal with his Executive Committee and I have word from him orally that his Executive Committee says it is all right and they would go with it.

What do you think is right for Texas?

Obviously there is a double problem here. This office has to raise goodish sums and so does your office. It seems to me that if we furnish the actual link we are entitled to a good stout part of what may be raised. Again, I think half is reasonable.

I must say that I have only skimpy lists of people in Texas who might contribute, and I would need help from you in getting together a list of say, fifty-odd Texans, who could and might contribute.

Will you please (a) discuss with your appropriate policy people what Texas' view would be on this whole matter, and (b) if they are willing to go along on something like a 50/50 deal work up a list and send it to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Mr. Morris Abram
Mr. Marion Wright
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March 15, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

You may recall our discussion at the last Executive Committee meeting of the proposed expansion of the information program made possible by the grant from the Doris Duke Foundation. It was reported then that we planned to employ two additional persons, an editorial assistant at $4,000 per year, and a reference assistant at a slightly smaller salary.

Enclosed is a copy of the resume of John Constable, Jr., who will assume the former position as of March 21. I think he is well qualified by convictions and interests, as well as training and experience. Samples of his work satisfy me that he is a competent editorial person.

We thought it proper that you, as a member of the Personnel Committee, should be informed of our choice of this applicant. I hope you will share our judgment of Mr. Constable's qualifications for the job.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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March 15, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

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With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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March 15, 1955

Mr. Emory Jackson
312 North 17th St.
P.O. Box 1968
Birmingham 1, Ala.

Dear Emory:

Enclosed is the Tom Stokes column.

I surely hope that Pierce and/or Dr. Donald Strong will be interested in working on an article illustrating the real source of the kind of race baiting material which so frequently appears. I would think that material they have available on the total size of the electorate in certain counties in Alabama and the restrictions on the Negro franchise related to the Alabama legislators who come from these counties would make a very telling story.

Thanks for your new packet of clippings. They really are incredible.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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March 15, 1955

Mrs. Mary Alice Baldinger
National Civil Liberties
Clearing House
1637 Mass. Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Baldinger:

I send you for your information some biographical data.

Present position -- Assistant Director for Program, Southern Regional Council; Executive-on-leave, Atlanta Urban League.

Formerly Secretary Nation Board of YWCA.

Born Atlanta, Georgia; graduate of Atlanta University, Ohio State University.

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington with much pleasure.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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March 15, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209 - 121 E. Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for the copy of your letter about the plans for the annual meeting and the institute to be held in April by the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. My only suggestion in regard to the proposed program is that somewhat more time might be allotted for consideration of the state of affairs in North Carolina and the ways in which the North Carolina Council might be effective in meeting the challenge of the situation prevailing.

It would seem to me that this might very well come either in the second part (from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.) and that Dr. Brown and Mr. Routh would be excellent resources for the discussion period. Another possibility of time would be, of course, the 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. meeting. Would it be possible for the Program Planning Committee, with your help and that of Dr. Brown, to prepare before the meeting some proposals for the groups affiliated with the Council to consider as a part of the year's program?

We have all been so interested in the presentation before the Joint Legislative Committee by the statewide group of Negro leadership (its contents will be noted in a forthcoming issue of New South). We believe that all efforts to point out the disadvantage to all the people of the state of some of the proposals to evade the Supreme Court decision are always useful.

Thank you for your earlier note in reply to Dr. Mitchell's suggestion that intensive efforts be spent in the mountain counties of North Carolina. We believe that the judgment of the Program Planning Committee was a useful one in view of the personnel resources of the North Carolina Council.

Yours Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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March 15, 1955

Mr. David Danzig
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Dave:

Enclosed are two copies of my letter of last June to Max Rabb which we discussed when you were in Atlanta last week.

Although the letter is brief, I believe the proposal it makes is self-evident. The only element that is left out is the political one -- for obvious reasons. Suffice it to say that in our opinion all the parties mentioned in the proposal should find it in their self-interest to counteract the tendencies towards defiance of the decision, which put the executive branch in a very difficult position as the enforcing power.

Anything you can do to advance this idea in influential quarters would, I think, be a real contribution to orderly compliance with the Supreme Court decision. Let me know of any plans on which we can work together. Meanwhile, all the best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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June 29, 1954

Mr. Maxwell Rabb
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Personal and Confidential

Dear Mr. Rabb:

In our conversation of last Saturday you suggested that I write you about the desirability of a conference of Southern business leadership to encourage sound adjustment to the Supreme Court decision on public school segregation.

The proposal in brief outline is as follows:

1. The initiative in calling such a conference might most effectively come from General Lucius Clay, Mr. Robert Woodruff, or both. As a native Georgian who has distinguished himself in both business and public service, General Clay is held in high esteem by businessmen and industrialists throughout the South. Mr. Woodruff, also a Georgian, is perhaps the most influential member of the Southern business community. The confidence that these two men command would outweigh the apprehension with which most Southern businessmen approach the subject of race relations.

2. No more than fifteen to twenty business leaders of the region should be invited, since full discussion would be difficult in a larger group.

3. The invitation should make it clear that the meeting will be off-the-record and solely for the purpose of sharing information and ideas.

4. A qualified person should describe to the meeting the practical effects of compliance with the Supreme Court decision. This presentation would show the significance of such factors as population distribution by race, residential segregation, the economic advantages of compliance, joint planning by white and Negro citizens in the communities, and the like. Recent studies have provided a wealth of information of this kind which would dissipate many common Southern fears. However, most Southerners, including the leadership group, are not familiar with this important new body of material.

The conclusion to be drawn from such a factual analysis is that compliance with the decision will produce no drastic overturn of existing patterns, but will lead to manageable changes over a period of time. Above all, prior experience demonstrates that local people of both races, given half a chance, can work out constructive solutions.

A suitable person to make such a presentation would be Mr. Hodding Carter, editor of the Greenville, Mississippi, Delta Democrat-Times. Another possible resource would be Mr. Virginius Dabney, editor of the Richmond, Virginia, Times-Dispatch.

A successful conference of this nature could greatly ease acceptance of the Supreme Court decision in the South. The outstanding businessmen in every state are leaders of public opinion. Equally important is their influence on official policy and political affairs. With more information and understanding of this issue, they could do more than any other group to bring about harmonious adjustment to the Court's ruling.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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March 15, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley
Child Study Association
of America
132 East 74th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

I have continued to think about our conversation in Nashville -- regarding the discovery of some community where desegregation is imminent and which might offer some possibilities for the development of parents study groups.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, occurs as a possibility. In case you have not seen the most recent issue of The Southern School News which reports the decision to integrate the Oak Ridge schools by September '55, I am sending you one under separate cover. Dr. Capehart, the superintendent of schools, has been a member of the board of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council (it is my impression that he found it necessary to resign because of the press of his increased responsibilities). I also know that various agencies have been receiving requests for materials to be used with parents in this preparatory period. All of this leads me to believe that it might be profitable, if the Child Study Association is still in the position to offer a service to a community, to explore the Oak Ridge developments.

This may seem to be a very tentative proposal, but I pass it on for what it may be worth.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

March 16, 1966

Mr. Joe Parham, Editor
The Macon News
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Parham:

We are glad to give you the information you request in your letter of March 14th. Evidently we failed to send you a copy of our news release (enclosed) which lists the signers of the statement and briefly characterizes the Council.

The Southern Regional Council was organized in 1944 as the successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. It is financed by contributions from individuals, church and labor groups, and foundations, and to a lesser degree by subscriptions, sales of literature and the like. The largest source of funds currently is the Fund for the Republic, which, as you know, is an independent agency created by the Ford Foundation. On April 1, 1954 the Council received a grant from the Fund for the Republic of $240,000. The purpose of this grant was to enable the Council to strengthen and staff a human relations organization in each of twelve Southern states, with the aim of their becoming independent, self-supporting bodies within a few years. (That group in Georgia is the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, of which Dr. Guy Wells is Executive Director.)

Enclosed are two leaflets which express more fully than I could do in this letter the policy and aims of the Southern Regional Council. The Council itself has a fixed membership of some seventy-eight persons of both races and various religious and occupational groups in the Southern states.

The present officers are all included among the signers of the statement. The vice-presidents are Dr. Dent, Dr. Hancock, and Mr. Wesley.

I am also sending you separately copies of our two latest publications, and I am adding your name to our complimentary mailing list. If I can supply any further information, let me know.

May I say that we have followed appreciatively your full and objective reports on Georgia in the Southern School News.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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enclosures:
News release
Statement of Policy
Toward the South of the Future
under separate cover:
Changing Patterns
New South - February 1955

Dictated by Mr. Fleming/signed in his absence

Ruth:

Please add to complimentary mailing list:

Mr. Joe Parham, Editor
The Macon News
Macon, Georgia

Muchas gracias.

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This ltr sent to all ~~employees~~ staff state/personnel

March 16, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Please take some time over this one.

I send you with the letter a pamphlet called, How to Organize a Freedom Agenda Project. We will send you separately the six related study pamphlets

One of our good friends is working hard to get the Freedom Agenda Project going. I would like us to help. That really means finding some people in this or that community who would be a discussion group and go through the program.

Admitted that it is not exactly our business. Admitted that we have got our hands full. Still, it is good freedom-loving material, and all of us have some friends who would know ways of putting this sound underpinning beneath local freedom.

I carefully do not urge that helping with this be in any way an official project of your group. But I do ask that you try privately to find ways to spread the project -- if you agree.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

March 17, 1955

Mr. Bicknell Eubanks
Staff Correspondent
Christian Science Monitor
3036 Rosedale Avenue
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

We like all the articles you do for the Monitor, but I wanted to say a word of special appreciation for your article of March 2nd on our publication, Changing Patterns in the New South. Naturally, we are glad to have one of the Council's efforts written up so well and so favorably. But, beyond, that, the piece in a very limited space presents a remarkably complete analysis of the trend documented by the booklet.

While I'm writing, I might mention that I read your frequent reports to The New Leader with great interest.

Again thanks and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

March 17, 1955

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Mynders:

I was sorry to miss your call yesterday. Good news indeed that Governor Clement took the highground and vetoed the two segregation measures. That encourages us in our expectation that Tennessee will distinguish itself in its handling of the school segregation question.

Apologetically, I must report that my search high and low failed to turn up the Brownsville information, and my memory of the incident is too general to be of any help. I can only conclude that it came along at a time when our files were being managed hit or miss, and that was a miss.

Do try us any time we may be of help and we will try to perform more effectively.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Dictated 3/16/55

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 17, 1955

Thomas L. Sutherland
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 W. 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Arriving Austin Friday evening Braniff Airlines flight #57, 7:14 p.m.

Will drive from Huntsville to Houston Saturday, leaving Houston for

Atlanta 3:45 p.m. by air.

Fred Routh

March 17, 1955

Mr. John K. Weiss
Fund for the Advancement
of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear John:

Apologies for my misleading references to New South. I several weeks ago had your name placed on the complimentary mailing list, but the actual mailing hadn't yet taken place. Anyhow, it will be reaching you from now on.

I will look forward to seeing you on the next Atlanta trip.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF;rnf

March 17, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on
Human Relations
121 E. 3rd St., Rm. 209
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Harry:

I think some of the confusion has resulted from the fact that Changing Patterns in the New South was sent out as the December-January issue of New South -- a telescoping that is easily overlooked. So I judge that you now have a complete file, and I hope you will receive New South without further lapses.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the projected get-together at Chapel Hill in June.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF;rnf

March 17, 1955

Mrs. Helen F. Schwartz
Jewish Community Relations Council
602 Fullerton Building
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Helen:

Thanks for your good letter in response to my request for a New South article. I have thought about the question you raise and have discussed it with others on the staff. We are pretty much agreed that an article on the St. Louis process would be most helpful at the earliest date we could publish it. What is very badly needed in the South just now is reassurance for the faint-hearted in the form of evidence that "it can be done." And properly handled the St. Louis evidence is perhaps the best yet.

So, if you are willing, we would be most grateful if you took the job on at your earliest convenience. If you feel strongly that this is unwise, of course I will be guided by your judgement.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

March 17, 1955

Mr. J.L. LeFlere, Sec.
N.A.A.C.P., Mobile Branch
Post Office Box 1091
Mobile 6, Alabama

Dear Mr. LeFlère:

Many thanks for your letter and your check for membership dues. That makes you a member in good standing of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, our affiliate in the state, and of course we'll get New South and our other publications to you.

Since we last communicated, SRC's state programs have gone forward significantly. The Alabama Council has a full-time director in the person of the Reverend Robert Hughes, a young Methodist minister, who is working hard to unite the forward looking elements of the state. If he has not been in touch with you and your associates in Mobile, he should be and I'm sure would want to be. That leads me to offer the suggestion that you bring him to Mobile as a speaker. Or you might want to relate to the Alabama Council through its elected chairman, the Reverend Duncan Hunter. ~~of Montgomery~~. His address is First Methodist Church, Alexander City, Ala.

I might also let you know that we now have on the central staff here in Atlanta an assistant director for state organizations named Fred Routh, former professor of human relations at the University of Miami. He is a very able and articulate person and has made several trips recently to Alabama. I'm sure that he too will want to make contact with you and the Mobile Branch at a convenient time.

I would welcome the long deferred visit with you there, but I make these suggestions because I feel they would lead directly to more fruitful organizational ties that should be knitted up as soon as possible.

Let me know your reactions and meanwhile my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF;rnf

Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation
Fulton-deKalb Unit - Atlanta
March 9, 1955

On the 9th of March, the Fulton-De Kalb Unit of the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation met in the auditorium at 63 Auburn Avenue and a series of people spoke to the group.

The meeting was attended by some 30-35 people, most of whom showed a certain apathy. There is a need for careful consideration on the part of the leadership to broaden the base of this group and to make far more active its leadership. All things considered the meeting went quite well but with the vast potential of wise and mature people in the greater Atlanta area it was rather disappointing.

I spoke with Dr. Wells about getting together some key people from the area, nominating them as an Executive Committee for the group, and mailing out ballots for approval to the general membership. He thought this was a good idea and I agreed to sit down with him and Harold Fleming, Grace Hamilton and others to decide who in the community should be invited to be such an Executive Committee.

Frederick B. Routh

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3/18/55

March 18, 1955

Mr. Herbert Davidson
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Herbert:

This is just a brief note to say how very much we all -- and I in particular -- appreciated the splendid editorial you wrote on March 8th, "To Work it Out Like Grownups." This is one of the best editorials I have ever read on the Council and its new work. It ranks with McGill's or Carter's piece and is in reality more liberal than either. I would say offhand that the Florida Council will have a real booster in the News-Journal, and furthermore that the whole cause of peaceful social transition in the state of Florida will be made more simple because of your paper.

To make intelligent decisions people in a democratic society must be adequately informed. Because there is a News-Journal I am convinced the people of Florida will be able to make more intelligent decisions.

Once more, sincere congratulations and warm personal regards to you and Mrs. Davidson.

Sincere regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

March 18, 1955

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Words of praise are sweet -- especially when unsolicited. Many thanks for yours.

We have had good reactions, mostly by word of mouth, to the February issue. One laudatory letter came in from the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterians U.S.A., pointing out the omission of Warren Wilson Junior College at Swannanoa. The writer, a Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter, says: "Actually, Warren Wilson was one of the first institutions in North Carolina to admit Negro students. The first Negro student enrolled in the fall of 1952 on a completely integrated basis and we have four Negro students along with a number of students from abroad, who represent different races and cultures, enrolled this year."

Also an appreciative letter from Dick Bennett of the American Friends Service Committee, who mentions that Lincoln University of Pennsylvania is looking for white students.

As a program and promotion device, we have distributed copies of the February issue to substantial lists of college presidents and other educators in the South. The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is mailing out fifty copies to a select list of their people, and may want more. It's too soon as yet for us to get any reaction to these mailings. But I expect we will, and I will pass on anything that might be of interest.

Again many thanks for all your help, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

Louisiana Council on Human Relations
Organizational meeting of New Orleans District
Monday, March 14, 1955

On Sunday morning, March 13, I participated in a meeting of SERINCO -- a Catholic student organization working in the field of interracial relations. The meeting took place in Xavier College. It was attended by some 350 students who were racially integrated. Enthusiasm among the students was high. They clearly saw a challenge in the current interracial situation in the South and reiterated several times that as Catholics they could and should lead the way to racial integration. I participated in a panel on "What Cost Discriminatory Practices in Employment?" with two other people -- the Industrial Secretary of the New Orleans Urban League, and Fr. Downey, S.S.J. All in all this was a worthwhile endeavor on the part of the Council and certainly that group of young people can do a great deal in the New Orleans area to help in this transitional period.

New Orleans Commission on Race Relations -- the local branch of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations -- held its meeting the evening of March 14th at Harris's Restaurant in New Orleans. There were some 100 people present, about 50-50 on a racial basis and about 60-40 on a basis of sex.

Marion Wright, President of the Southern Regional Council, was the main speaker. He did an excellent job of pointing up what this group could do in helping to implement the Supreme Court decision in terms of community process and work. Reverend Albert d'Orlando, the president of the Louisiana Council, presided at the meeting and ran it with parliamentary dispatch and efficiency. The New Orleans group elected as president Dr. Taylor, chairman of the Sociology Department of Dillard University; and as vice-president a prominent businessman.

Spent considerable time talking with Milton Vigo about developments in Louisiana and discovered that he has been talking with Reverend d'Orlando and his Executive Committee in terms of the formational structure of the Louisiana Council. He has a good understanding that there is a correlation between the type of work one seeks to do and the kind of organization one creates to do it. There are proposed trips to Baton Rouge and Shreveport in the next few weeks to similarly organize those areas. I would say that we can hope for much from Louisiana, particularly the New Orleans area and that we may expect islands of progress in some of the upstate areas.

I spoke briefly to the assembled group on what is happening in other states and challenged them to become a real island of progress in terms of accomplishment in integration, not only for Lousiana but for the whole South. And I would say that the challenge did not fall on deaf ears or indifferent hearts.

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Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

Florida Council on Human Relations
Board Meeting -- Daytona Beach
Saturday, March 5, 1955

CONFIDENTIAL

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Council on Human Relations took place Saturday, March 5, in the News-Journal Building, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Present were a majority of the newly elected board members from across the state. At this meeting they proceded to:

(1) adopt the previously proposed set of bylaws,
(2) empower Davisson Dunlap and others to charter and incorporate the organization under the statutes of Florida,
(3) set up a Personnel Committee to receive applications for the job of Executive Secretary,
(4) elect a new group of officers.

There are several towering individuals in this group who will not rest easy unless the Florida Council does significant work. I would list such people -- and it is only a partial list -- as Mr. I.H. Burney of Jacksonville, Hollis Rinehart of Miami, Mr. W.C. Taylor of Belle Glade, Dr. Paul Finner of Tallahassee, Mr. L.M. Kidd of Tallahassee and, of course, the other old faithfuls from the previous administration.

Certainly the infusion of new blood in this organization will greatly strengthen it. Both C.H. Parrish and I ~~spoke~~ felt for some time the organization needed a transfusion, or perhaps even a major operation. It would seem that it has had both. First, it has been cut away from its narrow base at Jacksonville, and second, it has obtained new -- more-than -- halfpints of people.

I had a long talk afterwards with Dunlap, L.J. Price, Davidson, Kidd, Rinehart and others, all of whom seemed enthusiastic about going ahead and getting the job done.

Officers elected:

Dr. Paul F. Finner, 930 W. Park, Tallahassee, Fla. - Pres.
Mr. W.C. Taylor, P.O. Box 484, Belle Glade, Fla. - V. Pres.
Mrs. I.H. Burney, 1187 West 10th, Jacksonville, Fla. - Treas.
Mrs. Nathan Starr, 1326 N.W. 10th Ave., Gainsville, Fla. - Sec.
Mr. L.M. Kidd, Florida A&M Univ., Tallahassee, Fla. - Ex. Com.
Mr. Hollis Rinehart, 815 Ingraham Bldg., Miami, Fla. - Ex. Com.
Mr. H. Davidson, Daytona Beach News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla., - Ex. Com.
Dr. D. Dunlap, Barnett National Bank Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. - Ex. Com.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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Pensacola, Florida
March 1, 1955

In Pensacola, Florida, I visited with two key people in the Pensacola area, Dr. Goode, prominent Negro dentist and former state president of the Negro Chamber of Commerce; and Fr. Bullen, young Episcopalian priest. Both of these men knew several people in Pensacola who were prominent citizens -- both Negro and white -- and who would be interested in working with the Florida Council on Human Relations and who, further, would be interested in organizing and reactivating a group in Pensacola to deal with problems in human relations. They further promised to send the names of such people to Davisson Dunlap for the Florida Council on Human Relations.

FRed B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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March 18, 1955

Mrs. William T. Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

My calendar is free for the period April 8-10, and I am perfectly willing to come down to Daytona Beach for the meeting, and would like to. But nobody would say that the NCNW will cover my expenses for going down and coming back.

If you will tell me about that end of it, I can tell you whether I can come or not.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

March 18, 1955

Mr. Gustave F. Falk
Executive Director
The Chicago Chapter of the
American Jewish Committee
127 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Gus:

You are a mighty good egg to stand beside me, usher me around, pay all my bills, fend for me, and make friends for me for all day yesterday, and I appreciate it.

I always feel perfectly at home with local groups of the American Jewish Committee. It is mighty good of them to have that keen interest in things this far away.

Anyway, the warmest thanks for making and putting through all those kind and careful arrangements.

Sincerely,

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On Monday GSM to mail official receipt for $100 to Mr. Falk

March 18, 1955

Mr. Joseph A. Hall
Urban League of Greater Cincinnati
312 West Ninth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hall:

I had a good time with your people. My warm admiration for the skill and care and success which went into the organizing of that meeting. It stepped along at a fast pace, people were well fed physically, and quickly and adequately fed mentally. I have been to a good many such dinners which dragged, and that one didn't. And what a notable crowd you had!

I hope you don't mind if I do ask you for some adjustment on the expense end of the check. I can't figure any way that going up to Cincinnati and back on the plane and paying $6.85 to the Gibson, and an airport bus or two, and a taxi, and a tip, comes to less than $62.00. I believe the arrangement was that you were going to pay me $100 and the reasonable expense of the trip. I am ashamed to say that for the moment I am at the office without my pad containing the exact itemization of the expenses of the trip, but it was within a few pennies of $62.00 and something over. So, if the Urban League's budget will stand the difference of $26.21 yet to come, I will be very grateful. But if I broke the treasury with this check, tell me so and that will be that.

I got along all right on the leg up to Chicago and Milwaukee, and saw pleasant groups in those places. But nobody's meeting went as nicely as yours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: KS

Mississippi Council on Human Relations
Executive Committee Meeting
Thurs., Feb. 24, 1955

Met with the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations in the residence of Monsignor Brunini in Jackson~~ville.~~ Most of the Executive Committee was present as was Mrs. Lyells, Executive Secretary. The group discussed financial difficulties and decided to appoint a Finance Committee to work on these problems. The chairman, Rabbi Mantinband, was empowered to appoint such a committee and agreed to do so within the week. Program was discussed and Mrs. Lyells outlined what she had been doing since the time of her employment. The Executive Committee felt that she had been doing a good job. A committee was appointed to draw up the charter and by-laws of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and it was moved that the organization would be incorporated under the laws of Mississippi. Mr. Cox suggested and it was approved that the organization not mention in its charter its affiliation with the Southern Regional Council but rather that a separate instrument of agreement be drawn up by the two corporations.

I spent some time discussing with Rabbi Mantinband and Mrs. Lyells, together and separately, the proper role and function of (1) a state chairman, (2) an executive committee and board, and (3) the executive director. I believe that they left with more understanding than they came with, and with some of the personality problems ironed out.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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Arkansas Council on Human Relations
Board Meeting -- Little Rock, (Dunbar Community Center)
Friday, Feb. 25, 1955

Both C.H. Parrish and I were in Little Rock and spent the afternoon sitting in on a series of interviews and screenings being conducted by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, chaired by Reverend Cartwright. We were both highly impressed with the professional way in which they proceded.

We then sat in on a session with a small Executive Committee which was making final plans for the large meeting that night.

The large meeting that night was a dinner affair attended by the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Council and by a group of guests who were Girl Scout Field Directors from the middle-southern area. Both C.H. and I spoke to the group on what was being done in other states; what other methods of work were being developed; and what we hoped to see develop in Arkansas. The group leadership in Arkansas is mature and thoughtful. Both C.H. and I were impressed with the efficiency of the mechanics of the meeting and of the thoroughness of the content of the meeting.

I had a long personal talk with Fred Darragh and Harry Ashmore after the meeting. Both of them have a realistic attitude on how to proceed in Arkansas and a real willingness to back this thing and make it work.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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Alabama
Monday, Fe. 28, 1955

I met with an adult class taught by Fr. Foley, S.J., of Spring Hill College. The class was held in a parochial high school and community center. The class was integrated racially and religiously and has as one of its members a city architect. It also had several public school teachers. They are taking a workshop type course in community problems and this particular session was devoted to problems of public education in the South as a result of the Supreme Court decision. The group was interested in the topic and participated broadly in a discussion period which followed the brief introductory lecture on the historical background of the decision, what might be done in a given locality, namely, Mobile.

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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3/18/55

Southern School News - December, 1954/March, 1955
Answers for Action
Questions and Answers
Marion Wright's proposed statement
New South - January/December, 1954
October-November, 1953
The Negro and the Schools
Schools in Transition
Changing Patterns in the New South

March 18, 1955

Mr. Alex H. Faulkner
The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

I send you up, separately, a package of things that will be useful.

I predict that your two most useful items will be the files of Southern School News and the map at the back of Answers for Action.

If we could talk we could get much further along, but my only upcoming trip to Washington is April 13th. I will be there then at the Cosmos Club and would be happy for us to spend some time together, if that is not too late. Probably it will be.

Otherwise as you get into the material and have questions to ask, write us or phone us and we will try to get you the answer out of our own heads.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Ralph McGill

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

This ltr mailed to Mr. Faulkner at:
The Daily Telegraph
1251 National Press Bldg
Washington 4, D. C.

March 18, 1955

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Executive Director
The Chicago Chapter of the
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127 North Dearborn Street
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Confidential

Texas Commission on Race Relations
March 19, 1955

Met with the Finance Committee and Executive Committee of the Texas Commission on Race Relations in Huntsville. Present were Tom Sutherland, Executive Secretary; Mrs. Crate, State Chairman; Mrs. Hogue; Mrs. Aycox; Dr. Rowe; Mrs. McCleod, and others.

This meeting was called because of the difficulties which resulted from having the state office in Austin and the state treasurer elsewhere; and also to plan the beginnings of a real Finance Committee and a fundraising campaign.

Decisions made at the meeting were:

(1) To elect a new treasurer in Austin, a man who is the treasurer of the University Methodist Church and whose name is Bill Carnahan.
(2) To "turn loose" the Executive Secretary so that he may begin approaching foundations and corporations in seeking funds.
(3) To create a Finance Committee some of whose members would be non-Council people.
(4) To accept SRC's proposal to split 50-50 any new funds that are raised in Texas by the central office or its representatives.

There is a great feeling of maternalism on the part of many members of the Texas Commission toward their organization. Several people both Negro and white expressed regret that as the organization got money some of the older members were being ignored or displaced. There are no vacancies on the Board for new blood but there is a great need for a transfusion in this body. There is a feeling on the part of the people that we cannot go too fast; that we must be cautious, and yet it would seem from casual observation and detailed discussions with several of the people there that integration in a number of Texas school districts would not be an impossibility in the Fall of 1955.

Our problem is to raise their sights to the future and to plant their feet in the present, and help them stop looking back to the glorious past. These are good folks whose hearts are in the right place but who need help in seeing the reality of today.

I had a long talk with Tom Sutherland and he has felt rather discouraged by the lack of understanding of the Board. He was considerably cheered by the action taken at the meeting in Huntsville and felt that it was absolutely essential that a representative from the central office was present at the meeting.

One other thing that was agreed upon at this meeting was the approval of a letter to be sent to each of the superintendents of the schools in the state, asking them to join the Texas Commission on Race Relations and to send any comments they might have on local situations.

Frederick B. Routh

FBR:rnf

March 21, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Payne
2209 Shadowmorr Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear The Paynes:

Alice and George Mitchell will be at your house for coffee and date nut pudding and lime pie and strawberry ice cream, and nuts and raisins, and Mr. Catchings, Tuesday evening, March 29th, around 8:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 21, 1955

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.
P. O. Box 17
Standing Rock, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

I am glad you are working to get the Alabama Council on Human Relations further along. Be in touch with Mr. Hughes, who is its head man in the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Robert Hughes

March 21, 1955

Mr. Elliot L. Haas
c/o Haas & Dodd
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Nearly a hundred years ago a tobacco manufacturer in Richmond, Virginia, named Thomas, who was a Baptist, extended his friendship and hospitality and help to my Baptist preacher grandfather who had a Seminary on his hands. Indeed, the friendship had roots a generation or two before that! I was told, at my mother's knee that anyone descended from her was ever to be friends with anyone descended from the Thomases. And to this day I think I know where all the Thomases are.

I feel the same way about all people kin to Leonard Haas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official receipt $50.00
cc: Mr. Leonard Haas

Air Mail
Special Delivery

March 21, 1955

Rabbi Leon Kronish
Temple Beth Sholom
4144 Chase Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Leon:

My sincerest congratulations on the completion of your tenth year at Temple Beth Sholom. I was extremely pleased to hear that your Board is setting aside a new section of the Temple library to be known as the "Leon Kronish Library on Human Relations." I know of no tribute to a human being that is more worthwhile than a living memorial such as a library.

It was always a pleasure to have you as one of my graduate students in the Department of Human Relations at the University of Miami. I particularly remember with pleasure the seminar in which you and two Protestant ministers had to, because of time requirements, meet with me separately. These sessions were learning experiences for all of us because of the rich contributions you made to the group. In all of my experience as a professor I never came across a keener mind or a more Godly spirit than that which you exemplified.

My very best wishes to you and Mrs. Kronish on the completion of ten years service and it is my sincerest wish that the next ten years, and as many more after that as God will allow, will be rich for you, for the Temple and for the community which you all serve so well.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf
copy: Sydney J. Greenberg
Educational Director
Temple Beth Sholom

March 21, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

No trouble about getting me to come to New Orleans for your meeting Saturday, April 30th. Glad to come. And it is easy because I have to be at Tuskegee, Alabama, the 28th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 21, 1955

Mr. L. M. Coogan
Edgar Stern Family Fund
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan:

We cherish the Edgar Stern Family Fund's kind contribution of $300 as a gift in itself, and as the continuance of a link we are honored to be part of.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt $300

March 21, 1955

Mr. W. H. Frey
Puritan Chemical Company
916 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Frey:

Heaven for guys who run organizations is going to be made up of guys like you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt $20.00

March 21, 1955

Mr. Ted V. Fisher
3778 Narmore Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Mighty kind indeed of you to share in what the Council and its Georgia Committee do.

We only get things done through people like you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official receipt - $20.00

March 21, 1955

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas & Dodd
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

Generosity is a great virtue. Generosity and promptness combined -- and that over these many years -- put us all deeply in your debt.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

March 21, 1955

Mr. Edwin Haas, Jr.
c/o Haas-Howell Building
Haas & Dodd
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Mighty kind of you to send $50.00 to our Southern Regional Council. We promise you it will go to good purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official receipt $50.00
cc: Mr. Leonard Haas

March 21, 1955

TO: AH

Something called Phi Delta Kappa has all its local chapters studying segregation in the schools. A man named White from Florida was also at the meeting in Chicago, and he apparently had charge of these arrangements for Phi Delta Kappa.

Can you tell me about Phi Delta Kappa, and where I get hold of the man White officially?

GSM

March 21, 1955

Bishop Bertram W. Doyle
Colored Methodist Fpiscopal Church
1702 Heiman Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Bishop Doyle:

Many thanks for your note of March 17th.

What would you think of sending out some copies of the promotion leaflet to your clergy?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. I mail you some separately.

March 21, 1955

Mr. Daniel R. Francis
The King of Clubs, Inc.
1221 N. W. 67th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

Many thanks for the check, which we appreciate having.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 21, 1955

Mr. Robert C. L. George
Executive Director
The Council Against Discrimination
of Greater Chicago
187 North La Salle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. George:

Here are the expenses for that part of my recent trip from Cincinnati to Chicago and back as far as Cincinnati: Train (day coach) Cincinnati to Chicago, $11.50; plane, Chicago to Cincinnati, $20.90; taxis, $.75; tip, $25; meals, $.81; telephone, $.15; airport bus, $1.25; total I figure is $35.61.

If you can afford some modest honorarium on top of that, our Council would be grateful, but I acknowledge the working of the principle of inter-agency comity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

March 21, 1955

Miss Rosalie Oakes
YWCA Executive Director
University of Texas
Austin, Tex.

Dear Rosalie:

We are sending an assortment of material for your conference under separate cover--special handling, special delivery, so it should get there in time.

Our SRC publications list is exhausted, but I did send 10 promotion pamphlets for "Changing Patterns," (January NEW SOUTH, special issue), 10 general promotion pamphlets on SRC and a sample of the past year's issues of NEW SOUTH. SRC has no bibliography of human relations materials generally available, but I am sending 10 copies each of the ADL general catalogue and their special program resource bibliography on school desegregation. Also stuck in one each of a few other recent things you might or might not have seen--a League of Women Voters pamphlet on school integration in St. Louis, an NAACP summary of desegregation in the border states, a BUSINESS WEEK article on Negro income, etc.

Why don't you come to Atlanta for a visit? The Fellowship of S. Churchmen has sort of died on its feet this year with so many of the old regulars gone--only one meeting so far which I didn't attend on account of something else already planned.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

July, 1950 New South
Gray leaflet
Changing Patterns brochure
February, 1953 New South
New South subscription promotion leaflet
October-November, 1953 New South
May-June, 1951 New South
under separate cover.

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mr. Heman M. Sweatt
The Urban League of Cleveland
8311 Quincy Avenue
Cleveland 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sweatt:

One good source of information is to be had for the time being for free. Write to the Southern Education Reporting Service, Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee, and they will send you back and future issues of Southern School News. Peach of a job, managed with a subsidy from the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

Second good source will cost you $2.00 a year. Subscription to our maggie, New South. I send you the February issue and a folder about a mighty good recap we did.

Directly on your point about employment, you should be in touch with the Committee of the South, National Planning Association, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Useful trickle of bulletins about employment matters.

Mayes Behrman, 617 West Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, is doing a job opportunities business for the American Friends Service Committee at their Greensboro office. Good guy, has done some original thinking and doing. Write him and be friendly.

United Auto Workers has Mr. William Oliver at their Detroit office, and he must know a good deal about things in the South.

We did a bulletin on professional associations some years back. I send you one amended by hand on the basis of our best current information. Also one or two other back numbers of New South that can help you.

I notice today, by the way, that Memphis will employ shortly ten Negro firemen. Obviously a separate company.

American Friends Service Committee has a good project going at Dallas. Write to Miss Almita S. Robinson, 2600 Flora Street.

Mrs. Hamilton helps us tremendously.

If we can do anything for you further, we want to. Let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

Mighty nice of you to write. Evidently we miscalculated in sending out New South all coverless. We won't any more; we will go back to putting them in envelopes. We had five or six complaints through the mails, and there was a trickle that came back to us for better addresses which had been banged up too.

I send you a bonus of three extra copies.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Three copies of February New South under separate cover.

March 22, 1955

Miss Mary B. Merritt
Dean of Women
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Miss Merritt:

I see by the papers that you are about to retire after twenty-nine years of service to the University. Mother still sends me clippings on the U. because she knows of my continued interest in our school.

The news of your retirement from the Deanship brings mixed emotions. One, I feel that you are about to receive a well earned rest and that you will have more time to devote to some of your other interests. I know it will be a relief to have the heavy administrative burdens lifted. Two, I feel a sense of sadness and loss that a person who has been more than an institution, who has been really a way of living, will no longer be at her customary post.

The saving grace of the situation, however, is that you will still be on hand in an advisory capacity for which the University should be deeply grateful.

In my years at the University, both as a student and faculty member, I never met anyone who better exemplified the true Christian spirit, the objective academic mind, nor the warm and human personality than did my good friend, Mary B. Merritt.

I shall be thinking about you in the months and years that lie ahead. Please drop me a note from time to time and let me know what you are thinking and what you are doing. I cherish our friendship.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR;RNF

P.S. I am sending you under separate cover, a few of our pamphlets.

Under separate cover:

Toward the South of the Future
Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision
New South, August 1954 -- The Churches Speak
New South, February 1955
Changing Patterns in the New South

AIR MAIL

March 22, 1955

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Democrat
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Mr. Routh asked me to answer your letter requesting information on Negroes serving as reporters on white dailes in the South and Negroes playing in Southern baseball leagues.

I am enclosing photostatic copies of two articles that I think will be helpful, "Newspapers of Deep South Liberalize Negro Policies" and "Ball Democracy Grows outside Southern Loop." I am also including a list of newspapers in the South using courtesy titles--this list is based on the enclosed article on newspapers and material from our files and is by no means complete.

You will see that "Newspapers in the Deep South Liberalize Negro Policies" lists eight Southern dailies with part-time or full-time Negro reporters. In addition to those listed, the following dailies also have Negro reporters:

Jackson, Miss. STATE TIMES. Separate office with full-time reporter. Runs special page of Negro news and pictures.

Augusta, Ga. AUGUSTA HERALD. Has Negro reporter on a part-time basis.

Atlanta, Ga. ATLANTA JOURNAL and ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. Both papers have part-time Negro reporter who sends in news. Some news used ROP; column of Negro news.

Nashville, Tenn. TENNESAN and BANNER. Both have full-time Negro reporters.

Memphis, Tenn. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. Part-time Negro reporter. Believe the PRESS-SCIMITAR does not have a part-time person on regular salary, but uses feature stories and special stories purchased on an inch rate or by the story.

Jacksonville, Fla. FLORIDA TIMES-UNION has full-time staff person, possibly more than one person; Negro reporter in separate office. Bdlieve the JOURNAL may

also have a Negro reporter on a part-time basis, but am not sure about it.

Miami, Fla. DAILY NEWS. Has part-time or full-time reporter.

Savannah, Ga. MORNING NEWS. Has at least a part-time reporter.

Waycross, Ga. Daily there has at least a part-time reporter.

I think you will be interested in knowing that when the DAILY DEMOCRAT (Tallahassee, Fla.) innaugurated its Negro page and took on a part-time reporter about 1951 or 1952, the editors were very much surprised that this step received criticism from some of their Negro subscribers. Enough subscribers protested against the segregation of news to cause the editorial board to consider dropping the Negro page and integrating the news--a step they still have not taken, as far as I know.

I believe that A. A. Morisey on the Winston-Salem JOURNAL is the only Negro reporter who is fully integrated as far as the use of regular office facilities and staff status is concerned. I have visited Mr. Morisey in the JOURNAL office and there was every indication that he is just one of the reporters.

Stephen Ryan did an article on the breakdown of segregation in Southern baseball leagues for the NEW LEADER about this time last year. I am sorry that I cannot give you the exact reference since our office copy was lost.

As you see, we are rather week on what is going on Negro reporter-wise in your part of the South. Perhaps if you have time, you could give us a run-down on papers using reporters, policy on news presentation, etc.,

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

encl

March 22, 1955

Mr. A. Babs Fafunwa
1837 Wyoming Avenue, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

Hi! Nice to hear from you. I have tried to keep up through your wife, but you jump around faster than my weak link will tell me about. Of course I will be glad to do anything you want me to do hereabouts.

I don't think my being a sponsor for the new college will do the new college any good, but I am perfectly willing to be a sponsor, and I will help with leads to new people from time to time. But you must be the one to get off the letters to Bennie Mays and R. O. Johnson, and others whom you wish to be on hand to be helpful.

I think if you made Reddick the Secretary of the Atlanta crowd, Reddick would function.

When you get the college going full blast, I hope it will give me a chance to make a lecture to it. I want to see Africa before I die and I will never be rich enough to pay my own way there and back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 22, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

Somebody ought to make available to the whole South the experiences after the first year of those parochial schools in Southern and border locations which have been put together. Come about May, you will have had the whole school year of it. I think New South is an organ suitable for carrying the story. It will be seen and noted by many people who can benefit from the example.

The story ought to be a careful appraisal, putting in the rough spots as well as the smooth. Disguise locations if you want, but the kinds of events should be detailed.

I do think it would be mighty nice if NCWC or any other appropriate body would authorize you or whoever to do the job. I would particularly treasure an article with you for the author, but the main thing I want is an article that will let the whole South get the advantage of Catholic experiences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GTH
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March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I had a very nice time indeed with the AJC Chapter in Chicago and Milwaukee. The Chicago group met for lunch at the Standard Club. Of some thirty-odd members present, perhaps twenty were there particularly because they were members of the Chapter's Committee on Education. The Chairman, Mr. Levin sat by me during the luncheon and for some of the talking, but had to excuse himself for another engagement before the meeting was quite over. I thought the little talk went well, and the questions revealed informed interest from the group. Gus Falk, the Secretary, handed me the Chapter's check for $100 as honorarium on the way up to the Milwaukee meeting, and he took on the job of an equerry and got me to Milwaukee, saw me into my hotel room, and steered me about for the whole evening.

We had a small dinner party before the meeting in Milwaukee at the new and beautiful Jewish Center. Happily it has a link with the Community Chest and is open both to rich and poor and is in busy use. It was a joy to see the teenagers playing ping pong or batting hand balls, and their parents and grandparents engaged at supper, all in the same handsome building.

The Milwaukee Chapter complained of many conflicts for the night I was there, but mustered a good thirty people in the hospitable home of a member and his wife. Same speechlet all over again. Again good questions.

As I have told you, I always feel perfectly at home with AJC's Chapter people. And being comfortable I had a good time. We all stayed away from SRC's money needs, but I am satisfied that Mr. Levin's kind letter to you of March 16th will bear fruit, and I wouldn't at all be surprised if the Milwaukee Chapter took some occasion to be helpful also.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mr. C. Anderson Davis
John Stewart Methodist Church
P. O. Box 507
Bluefield, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Davis:

Warm thanks for the good big check and the orders for the publications. The extra twenty were sent straight out.

And congratulations on setting up a citywide Human Relations Committee. That is the right thing to do.

Please make some little report of the name of the Committee and one or two of its leading people and what it proposes to do.

Marshall Bragdon, to Executive Director of the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee, City Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio. Bragdon is a good friend of mine. He happens to run what I think is one of the best of the municipally supported agencies. And in his capacity as an officer in the National Association for Intergroup Relations Officials he is collecting the dope about all such local human relations committies as spring up. He will be glad to hear from you and he can help you.

And somebody from your show should be a member of the National Association for Intergroup Relations Officials. You get in touch with it through its Secretary-Treasurer, John G. Feild, Board of Community Relations, 565 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio. It puts out by the way, a good monthly bulletin. NAIRO is your outfit's official affiliation. But do remember that the Southern Regional Council will always think of you as a very near cousin.

I tell you what I will do as a starter. If you will send us copies of whatever minutes and mimeographed materials you send out, we will put you on the mailing list for our publications for one year. We don't really have a free mailing list, but we will swap with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mr. George Clements
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
Mundelein, Illinois

Dear Mr. Clements:

I sent your message ~~to~~ thru the people at Friendship House, 4233 South Indiana, Chicago. They said that they knew you well and favorably, but did not doubt that your seminarian duties tied you down somewhat.

We acknowledge your dollar with pleasure. What you ought to do is subscribe to our maggie, New South. That will cost you $2.00 a year. The February, 1955 issue can serve as a sample copy, and here is a blank about SRC.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Bishop Willis J. King
The Methodist Church
631 Baronne Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Bishop King:

We are glad you are back, and we are seeing to it that you receive New South. I doubt that we ever had a more faithful subscriber and member than yourself. I know every year I used to rejoice when the letter would come in from Monrovia covered with a generous supply of Liberian stamps. And I remember a word of greeting we had at Gammon some years back.

As you know, we got some help from the Fund for the Republic last April and we are using it to get going in each of a dozen Southern states what we hope will be well-rooted state agencies in race relations. In Louisiana they have set up the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. They picked a nice man as its Executive Director -- Milton C. Vigo. He has an office at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. You ought to join it. I expect they will charge around $5.00 a year in dues and $2.00 of that will come on to us here and be a New South subscription. But dues or no dues, we have arranged for New South to come to you!

You can help young Mr. Vigo, and I hope you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Maggie:

You and I will have a chance to be together come August, or whenever the Kentucky Labor School is. I have promised to be there for its second week. Meanwhile, here's hoping we get many earlier chances.

I have asked Fred Routh to conjure up a solution to intra-staff letters.

I signed you a lot of checks the other day; hope they are the right ones.

I trust our Kentucky people. Good eggs make good omelets.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

copy: C.H. Parrish

Air Mail

March 22, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 W. Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th which I received upon my return from the trip out to Texas and Louisiana. As things now stand it will be possible for me to be in Jacksonville on Friday, April 1st, for a meeting of the Executive Committee.

I note from your letter that there is not a clear distinction between the fifty people elected as state directors and the Executive Committee. I believe we should use two separate titles for these two groups. The large group should be called the Board of Directors and the smaller group, namely the officers and the other four people chosen (L.M. Kidd, Hollis Rinehart, Herbert Davidson and Dave Dunlap), constitute the Executive Committee. I believe that this nomenclature will better designate the functions and the identity of the two groups.

It is customary to pay travel expenses for Executive Committee meetings but the state budget would hardly warrent paying for a Board of Directors meeting.

I shall be glad to assist and advise and work with you and the Florida Council in every way possible. Please keep me advised about developments regarding the employment of an Executive Sedretary. I am glad that you have had five or six candidates from which to choose. Remember that before you make final commitment to the man for employment, he must be cleared by the central office. When an adequate job of candidate screening has been done, this is only a formality.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. I noted on the last list of the Board of Directors that I saw, that Reverend John C. Fuller, First Unitarian Church, Central at Rosalind, Orlando, was accidentally omitted. Please add his name.

rnf:FBR

March 22, 1955

Mr. Jacob Potofsky
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

I would like to ask the Amalgamated itself to make some contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

I am gratefully aware of the quite substantial and long continued help which the Sidney Hillman Foundation has given to the Southern Regional Council. But when I last talked with them they said that their annual contribution to us, unrelated as it was to their general program was an embarrassing precedent, and I agreed that I would not ask the Sidney Hillman Foundation for help after the year 1954.

But I do think the Amalgamated itself can and should give us some help. The Union's objectives and ours in the South are about the same; and there is a good deal that we do to bring community opinion around to accept the changes that must accompany a really strong Union movement in the South. Specifically, we are for a high standard of living for all the people of the region; we believe in trade unions; we want good health and good housing and fair employment opportunities all around; and we are for full democratic participation of all concerned.

We have been moving ahead since last April with the proceeds of a goodish grant from the Fund for the Republic. They have staked us to the major portion of what is needed to get going in each of a dozen Southern states locally rooted statewide private race relations agencies. We think that in three or four years' subsidy from outside sources, these various new state groups will be able to stand on their own and work further along grooves of honest representation, during the period of help from us. We, therefore, have in the last few months organized Councils on Human Relations (or some similar title) in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. All but two or three of these have already employed staff, opened offices, and are at work on their programs. Thus what has been the effort of a single office here in Atlanta now expands in a manner that makes it helpful to people and communities all over the South.

The Fund for the Republic has not helped us without requiring us to strain our every friendly resource in raising the Council's own agreed contribution toward the total budget involved. Actually we must produce in the first period of the grant, ending next September, something over $40,000, and that is a good deal in excess of what we have been able to raise in earlier years!

I confess that we are substantially helped by various portions of the labor movement. Steel and Auto usually give us a thousand each. So does the CIO itself. The American Federation of Labor for the last couple of years (and including 1955) has put up a thousand dollars. Mr. Dubinsky and the ILG has given us $500 each year for many years. And from time to time the Rubber Workers or somebody else chips in helpfully. We get other goodly sums from Church sources. In former years when we had our own members we got five thousand or so from them.

I send along an audit for 1954. As the Sidney Hillman Foundation will know, the Southern Regional Council is fully covered with tax exemption.

A good many of your people hereabouts and in New York will know us and will, I am sure, have a good word to say for the Southern Regional Council. Do let the matter come before the Executive Committee and see whether the Amalgamated can come in and help us and our common cause in the Southern states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. 1954 Audit.

cc: KS

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

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John Stewart Methodist Church
P. O. Box 507
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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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copy: C.H. Parrish

Air Mail

March 22, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chrmn.
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi and Little Mom:

It was surely good to see you in Birmingham and I trust that you and your limousine got to wherever you were going that night in good shape.

We have a bit of a problem in our relations with the sovereign state of Mississippi and its autonomous Council on Human Relations in that there is no treasurer in Jackson -- at least none that Kack Stoney knows about. If there is one please inform us of who that person is and complete with address. If there is none, in your capacity as state chairman, please appoint a treasurer until such time as one may be elected. We believe that state money should be handled by a lay person and dealt out to professional staff on a regular basis.

Could you please act in haste on this matter and notify us as quickly as possible about the resulting action.

I hope to get out to Mississippi again in the not too distant future and hope to stop by Hattiesburg for a day with you both.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

March 22, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I need the $1,000 that we asked the CIO for this year. I begin to be a little fearful that in the prospect of fusion my thousand might vanish. Do speak an additional good word for me at some point where it will do good.

See you, I hope, April 13th or thereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 22, 1955

Mr. Walter Reuther
Congress of Industrial Organizations
United Auto Workers Union
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

I wrote you January 20th, 1955, and asked the United Auto Workers to be good enough to consider helping our Southern Regional Council with a thousand dollar grant again in 1955. I begin to need it, and I do greatly hope that United Auto Workers will stand behind us again this year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Paul Williams

March 22, 1955

Reverend Candler Budd
Glenn Memorial Methodist Church
1976 North Decatur Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Budd:

I am hoping that at an appropriate time Glenn Memorial will find some spot in its Church budget for direct help to the Southern Regional Council. We need it because we have to raise so considerable an amount as our part of the grant from the Fund for the Republic. As a document, I send along a copy of our audit for 1954.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - 1954 audit.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MR. CHANNING TOBIAS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE
TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

HONOR NOW TO ONE WHO IN FUTURE CENTURIES WILL BE HONORED MORE AND MORE.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 22, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

This is to confirm my phone conversation today with your secretary.

SRC has invited in the employed staff people from the eight, nine, or ten state organizations which by that time will have staff, for a meeting near Chapel Hill early in June. It begins before supper Wednesday, June 1st, and ends after lunch, Friday, June 3rd. The actual location of the meeting is a camp conducted by the Orange Presbytery some six miles north of Chapel Hill. Details later. The airplane place would be Raleigh-Durham, and the railroad place would be either Raleigh or Durham. The highway place to begin from would be Chapel Hill.

Three or four miles from Chapel Hill lives W. W. Alexander who began the old Interracial Commission back in 1919. I have arrangements with Mrs. Alexander under which Dr. Will will be available during the period of our meeting, and we expect to bring our whole group over to sit for an afternoon or an evening on his front porch and get him to reminisce. Otherwise the time will be spent in planning out program and procedures and discussing policy for these new state groups which we are fostering.

It will be an interesting occasion -- really a choice one for someone to get a glimpse of how things proceed in this part of the world. With that in mind, I thought I would urge that someone come down from the Fund for the Republic. Somebody on the staff, you yourself, or somebody on the Board, or a friend of somebody on the Board. We would all help to make the visit not particularly noticeable, but fruitful. And whoever comes needn't stay the whole time; there may be an afternoon when our best foot would not be forward!

Anyway, think about it and later on take some action if action should be taken.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 22, 1955

Mr. John Slawson
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Slawson:

Various of the people in the American Jewish Committee were kind enough to let me talk last week to a group from your Chicago Chapter and later on at a meeting of the Milwaukee Chapter.

I just want to say that I appreciate the opportunity to be before these informed and thoughtful groups. I like what AJC is after and the way it goes about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TO: Program Planning Committee

RE: Excerpt of letter from Executive Director of the Community Council of Greenville County re follow-up of Greenville self-survey.

Mailed 3/22/55 to
Richardson
Hammes
Abrams
Bernie
Wilkins
Griffin

* * *

We did not have a 1954 follow-up report on the Greenville Survey for distribution. We did have a meeting last August but found that the Negro representatives at our meeting had changed considerably in their approach to improving local services. It was our feeling at the meeting that the Negroes present wanted the Community Council and Follow-Up Committee to be a pressure organization such as the NAACP. It is our feeling that it would be a definite mistake for the Community Council to become labeled as a pressure organization for Negroes because such a label would not only defeat the projects which we are pursuing in regards to the Negro population but would also minimize our acceptance on other projects, too.

It is, therefore, the feeling of Dr. L.P. Hollis, Chairman of our Follow-Up Committee, and others, including our Community Council Board of Directors, that we should discontinue further follow-up meetings on the Self-Survey which was published in the spring of 1950. We feel that many fine things have happened as a result of this Study and we are glad to have been a party to this program. However, I believe that the Supreme Court decision on schools has caused several of our leading Negroes to forget that progress has been made without undue pressure.

At our meeting in August we did review some additional improvements to Negroes during the past year and I am listing these on the attached sheet. Even though we will not have a Follow-Up Committee meeting annually from now on, we will be working on improving services to citizens in the community and will be using all citizens on these projects.

Since we do not have a 1954 report, you have our permission to reproduce the 1953 report.

* * *

Signed - Harold J. Weekley

SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICES TO NEGROES - July 1953-July 1954 (attached list)

(1) The 4th annual Human Growth and Development Institute was held in September of 1953 and for the first time was inter-racial.
(2) The Social Workers Luncheon Club, which meets monthly, is inter-racial.
(3) A Negro Farm Bureau was organized.
(4) New Maternity Shelter built. This institution was formerly for all white; will now accomodate Negro women in one ward. Negro babies have been served here for some time.
(5) Happy Hearts Negro Park received funds from County Legislative Delegation to help operate a similar program.
(6) Negroes continue to be represented on more and more community boards, commissions and committees.

March 23, 1955

Mr. Allen D. Edwards
Head of the Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
The South Carolina College for Women
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Edwards:

My tentative suggestions for changes in the list of topics for the April 19th Forum would probably elevate the discussion from high school and college level to past post-graduate level. Instead of agricultural development, I would like to talk about land tenure and distribution of agricultural wealth and farm family stability. Instead of labor management, I would like to talk about the importance of trade union contributions to democracy and how South Carolina can make it grow. Instead of education, I would like them to discuss whether education for this age can be achieved within segregation or not. Instead of race relations, I would talk about measures the South should use to increase the sum of individual human dignity.

And so on.

But I think these changes would be unwise and so I don't propose them. I am perfectly happy with what you have got and I think the youngsters will work it around so that there is satisfyingly lively discussion.

I am glad to come and I will try to do a job just of taking part and teaching.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

copy: C.H. Parrish

Sent: All memos (relating to policy, program, etc.)
SRC Puboications and other materials, and pamohlets.
Schools in Transition and The Negro and the Schools.

March 23, 1955

Mr. Christopher C. Mercer, Jr.
P.O. Box 426
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

The central office has been officially informed of your employment as of April 15 by the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. After having sat in on a session of the Arkansas Personnel Committee we were fully convinced of their competence in selecting well qualified people for the staff. In looking over the resume of your experience and training you certainly took the category of "well qualified." I look forward to a long and happy association with you.

There is to be a meeting of staff people from before supper June 1st to the afternoon of Friday June 3rd, to be held at Camp New Hope which is just outside of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. You are requested to attend this meeting. Your expenses will be paid by the Arkansas Council. All of our staff people from across the South will be in attendance.

I am sending you under separate cover some pertinent material and information about the Southern Regional Council and its work. I suggest that you write Mr. Fred Darragh, % Darragh Corporation, Little Rock, and ask for a copy of the by-laws of the state organization.

If there is any help that I can give you, please let me know. Once more, glad to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of March 21st in which you agree that your New Orleans speech may be used in New South. You may rest assured, that our desire to publish it is based on its merit, as is always the case. I will incorporate the minor corrections you suggest in the proof.

As to the employment of an editorial assistant, I regret that my letter to you evidently did not make it plain that the same letter was sent to Dr. Clement. You and he and Dr. Mitchell make up the total membership of the Personnel Committee, of course, and your approval makes the Committee's opinion unanimous. Since the matter arose at a time when Dr. Mitchell was leaving the office for a trip of several days duration, he delegated to me the responsibility of writing you and Dr. Clement as the members of the Personnel Committee.

All this should have been clear in my letter, and I apologize for the confusion.

We were glad to receive a copy of your speech to the YWCA group in Columbia. Grace Hamilton has read it and found it good. I'm sure I will share her opinion and will undertake to have it reproduced as you request. Incidentally, Miss Doris Wilson, student YWCA secretary headquartered here, has requested a dozen copies of the speech, which we will supply.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mr. Joseph A. Hall
Executive Director
Urban League of Greater Cincinnati
312 West Ninth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hall:

I didn't want to break your budget, but neither did I want to hurt mine!

Very many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 23, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 E. Sixth St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Fred:

Enclosed is the form drawn up at the request of our Executive Committee which we ask you and all state chairman to sign regarding the employees of each state organization. Would you please fill in the names of the two new people, put your John Hancock at the bottom and send it to George Mitchell.

I think the two people your personnel committee has chosen are both highly qualified people, and I had the pleasure of meeting Nat Griswold when I was down in Austin, Texas for a meeting with Tom Sutherland.

Would you please send both of them copies of the Arkansas constitution and by-laws.

My regards to my many friends in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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enclosure

March 23, 1955

Mrs. B.A. Wapensky
Box 725
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Martha Marie:

These are belated thanks but no less sincere for what you did for us in the conference of church women. It was most gracious of you to leave your family at that early hour to come to us to read in your wonderful way the worship service that had been prepared for us.

Please accept heartfelt love and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mr. Samuel H. Rosenberg
Executive Director
Atlanta Bureau of Jewish
Education
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Please pardon my lateness in thanking you for sending to us the worship service to be included in the workbook of the women attending our meeting on February 24th and 25th. These women -- Jewish, Catholic and Protestant -- came from the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Alabama. We spent two days in planning how it would be possible to build a climate in their communities that would accept integrated schools.

I have just heard that you are ill. We hope ere this reaches you, you will be feeling better.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mr. C.A. McKnight
Southern Education Reporting
Service
P.O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McKnight:

This is a belated thanks to you for sending the copies of the January and February issues of Southern School News for distribution to the women attending our church women's conference on February 24th and 25th.

We urged them to place their names on your mailing list.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of School News. It is invaluable for my work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mrs. Donald R. Poole
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Poole:

Remembering your contribution to our conference of 1953, we regretted very much that you did not find it possible to be with us at our meeting of church women on February 24th and 25th.

The Lutheran Church was represented by Mrs. Paul Rens and Mrs. C.C. Carpenter.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the gleanings from the conference. You will see we did not go very far in planning our program of work, but the reports coming in now show that the women have found the courage and daring to go much further than they thought they could.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mrs. John B. Moose
Box 457
Leesville, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Moose:

We regretted deeply that you did not find it possible to be with us at our meeting of church women here on February 24th and 25th.

Under apparate cover we are sending you gleanings from this conference.

From reports that are now coming in the women are going much further in action and program than they dared to believe they could.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
Carver School of Missions
and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Brimm:

It was a disappointment that you found it impossible to be with us at our meeting of church women on February 24th and 25th.

Under separate cover we are mailing you gleanings from the conference.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Dr. A.C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
161 Eighth Avenue - Rm. 414
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

It was a disappointment to us that you found it impossible to be with us on February 24th and 25th at our meeting of church women.

These women -- Catholic, Jewish and Protestant -- came from the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

We are enclosing a copy of the gleanings from this meeting. You will see we didn't go very far in making plans for action when the women went back to their communities, but from the reports coming in the women are daring to do much more than they felt would be possible. When more of them come in, I will send you a summary.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mrs. George Martin
4908 Powhatan Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Martin:

It was a disappointment to me and your Baptist women that you found it impossible to be with us at our meeting of church women -- Jewish, Protestant and Catholic -- on February 24th and 25th.

Mrs. Alford was a splendid representative from the Baptists for the South and there were five or six others of your group who contributed a great deal to the conference.

Under separate cover I am mailing you the gleanings from the conference. Reports are coming in on the follow-up the women are doing, and I will send you a summary when more come in.

Deeply appreciative of your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mrs. Melvin E. Cornilland
104 Vine Street
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Cornilland:

I regretted very much that you were not able to attend our conference of church women on February 24th and 25th. But I greatly appreciated your telegram and your letter showing your interest and desire to cooperate.

It was a most worthwhile conference, attended by women from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina. It was interracial and interfaith.

Under separate cover I am sending you the gleanings of the conference. Follow-up reports are coming in and when a goodly number of them have reached me, I will send you a summary.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 23, 1955

Mrs. Duvall Chambers
3517 Devereus Road
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

It was regretful to many of us that you were unable to attend our conference of church women on February 24th and 25th. We met at All Saints Church and, of course, had several women from the Episcopal Church but they were all Atlanta women.

We hope to follow-up this meeting with similar meetings in each state. That will help our representation of Episcopalian women. I'm particularly anxious for this because the Episcopal Church has gone forward in integration more than any of our churches in our South. And the rest of need their help and guidance.

Under separate cover I am sending you the gleanings of the conference, and later I will send you a summary of the reports on the work of the women after they went back home.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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March 23, 1955

Rev. Lewis Deer
Mission Building
220 Downey Street
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Rev. Deer:

This is to thank you for sending me the list of the women of the Christian Church -- the heads of the Department of Social Action in their several states.

While not many of them found it possible to attend, those who did were of great help in the conference.

Under separate cover I am sending you the gleanings from this conference.

We hope to follow-up our Atlanta meeting with similar meetings in each of the Southern states.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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copy: C.H. Parrish

Sent: All memos (relating to policy, program, etc.)
SRC publications and pamphlets, other pamphlets and materials.
Schools in Transition and The Negro and the Schools.

March 23, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
2106 Nueces Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

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If there is any help that I can give you, please let me know. Once more, glad to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR;rnf

March 24, 1955

Miss Gladyce H. Bradley
Professor of Education
Morgan State College
Baltimore 12, Md.

Dear Miss Bradley:

I am sending a packet of material related to segregation and desegregation in the schools under separate cover. We do not have a bibliography of materials available on desegregation other than the Anti-Defamation League program materials outline that I enclosed in your packet. Fisk University's Social Science Department has a mimeographed bibliography on desegregation available (prepared November, 1954) and I noticed another bibliography on school desegregation in the Winter, 1955 JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION.

You willnote that there is a section on "Higher Education" and another on "The Public Schools" in the January, 1955 "Changing Patterns in the New South" (see promotion leaflet in packet), published by our office. Should you want to order a copy, we will be very happy to fill your request.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

Sent separately:

New Ways on the Campus
Answers for Action
The Churches Speak
Supreme Court and Appalachian South
St. Louis Integrates its Schools
It Can be Done
ADL Program Materials on Desegregation
Southern Catholic Schools Integrate
Southern School News, January, February, March

March 24, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

I had a letter from my friend Ted du Cuennois (whom the group had elected a member of the Virginia Council), saying that he appreciates election, but the CIO has him permanently assigned to Kentucky, where his address is 406 Vaughan Building, Louisville. And he suggested that the Virginia Council consider as one to fill his room in Virginia, Lawrence H. Marine, an International Representative (i.e., organizer) for the United Steelworkers of America -- CIO, who is also President of the Virginia State Industrial Union Council, which would be all the CIO locals in Virginia. I don't happen to know Marine, but I know and deeply trust the Steelworkers Union, and feel sure they would not have a bad egg in Virginia. Do as you and the others choose; I merely inform.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 24, 1955

Mrs. Alden R. Crocker
External Relations Officer
Methods Coordination Staff, DD/S
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Crocker:

We appreciate the "Project Managers Guide" and the supplementary sheets you so kindly sent March 19th. Sorry I was away, but I am glad Mr. Fleming could talk to you.

Minute and unavoidable error in the addresses. The list of community and home hospitality contact contains under Atlanta, Georgia, the name correctly carried of Mrs. Sally Church Richardson, 152 Ridgeland Way, N. E. The list of community and home hospitality contacts in eighteen most frequently visited cities, carries under Atlanta (page 8) the name of Mrs. Lyle Chubb, 152 Ridgeland Way, N. E.

These two ladies are the same lady. Mrs. Lyle Chubb about two months ago married a Mr. Richardson.

The address is correct in both listings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 24, 1955

Mrs. Niles C. Clark
Waterloo, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I do not know whether or not you have seen Mrs. McAbee since she was here at a conference of church women concerned with the Supreme Court decision. If you have, you will not be surprised to receive a copy of the gleanings from the conference which I have mailed to you under separate cover. This conference suggested that the United Church Women in each state spearhead a similar conference, so you may be hearing something about plans for South Carolina.

I trust you will find it possible to have something on the Supreme Court decision at your annual meeting. If we can help in any way, we will be glad to do so.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Sirs:

We will be grateful if it is possible for us to have ten copies of Mr. Hutchins' speech before the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on January 26, 1955.

At a recent meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, mimeographed copies were available for distribution.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have just read your speech to the YWCA Student Conference and we expect to have it mimeographed as soon as we can get to it. Just before it came I was talking to Miss Doris Wilson who had called to express her appreciation for your contribution to the conference. She asked for several copies whenever it is mimeographed which we will be glad to supply her. It is her wish and mine that the national YWCA magazine may reprint it. With its emphasis upon the role and responsibilities of women it seems particularly appropriate for the YWCA audience -- and especially so at this time as they prepare for their national convention. The responsibility for school integration is a major item on the convention agenda.

I have just returned from the National Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference held in Washington last week. Father Shean and I were participants on the panel concerned with school integration. During the conference several references were made to the speech of Mr. Robert Hutchins to the National Press Club and I picked up several copies of it. In case you haven't seen it, I'm sending one of them to you under separate cover.

With my good wishes always.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) G.T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

March 24, 1955

Miss Florence O. Alexander
1120 West Pascagoula Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Alexander:

All straight about your and Mrs. Lyells' letter to me of March 23rd. I will be at your service for Friday evening, April 8th at Campbell College.

I suppose it would be fair to describe the topic of my talk as "Responsibility and Integration."

If the group will pay my expenses only, I will be satisfied. But if they can find $25.00 toward the Southern Regional Council's needs on top of the expenses, we would be especially gratified.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Lyells

March 24, 1955

Mr. Louis Aronstam
834 Lullwater Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Aronstam:

How very kind indeed that is of you to send us on through Leonard Haas the contribution from the Rita H. Aronstam Charitable and Educational Foundation.

We remember with appreciation Mrs. Aronstam's correspondence with Mr. Zellerbach.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt $50.00

cc: Leonard Haas

March 24, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I am trying to arrange for shipment of the papers about the Equal Penalties study to me so that I can get them on to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 24, 1955

Mrs. Samuel Lemer
1402 Valley Court, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Lemer:

Mighty nice of you to take on the surviving four copies of Schools in the South.

I greatly enjoyed the group, and appreciate the opportunity to talk to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under Separate Cover:
Answers for Action
New South, July 1953 - The Court Takes More Time
New South, September 1954 - Segregation in the Schools
New South, October 1954 - The Supreme Court Decision and the Appalachian South

New South, February 1955
Changing Patterns

Air Mail

March 24, 1955

Mr. J.B. White
Phi Delta Kappa
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Brother Phi Delta Kappan,

Our Director, Dr. George Mitchell, told me that he ran into you in Chicago at a meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He said that you mentioned that local chapters of Phi Delta Kappa were going to study desegregation in the public schools, which I think is one of the most significant things a professional educational fraternity could undertake at this time. I am proud that it is our fraternity that has decided to do so.

I am a Floridian and was on the faculty at the University of Miami in the Department of Human Relations for some three years. I joined Phi Delta Kappa when I was working on my doctorate at New York University. I have found it to be a help to me professionally and personally, and I believe that in this new series of studies which it is about to undertake it will be of real assistance in presenting factual information which will help the South through its transitional period.

I am sending you under separate cover several of our publications which I think will be of interest to you and to the committee that is designing the study. I am sure that you are acquainted with "The Negro and the Schools" edited by Harry Ashmore, and "Schools in Transition" edited by Williams and Ryan, both published at Chapel Hill.

If there is any way in which we of the Southern Regional Council can be of assistance to the brothers of Phi Delta Kappa in this study, please let us know.

Fraternally yours,

FBR;rnf

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

March 24, 1955

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

May I tell you again how useful the recent Clearing House Conference was. And to the person who I'm sure was responsible for the smooth and efficient way in which the meeting was organized, my congratulations.

This note is to remind you of our wish for at least one hundred copies of the memo on school integration. If you will send these to us at your earliest convenience and bill us, we will be grateful.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Evins
216 Princeton Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Evins:

You and Mrs. Tatum make a great team for Alabama.

Mrs. Tatum has sent me the report of your meeting held some days ago. I hope she will be successful in spearheading a meeting for Alabama similar to the one we held here. I will write her more fully about how the Council can aid in financing it and getting a mailing list worked up.

Under separate cover I have mailed you a copy of the gleanings of our conference of February 24th-25th.

With deep appreciation for all you do.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

METrnf

March 24, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We ought to move on matters of a finance committee, or committees.

The next move is up to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 24, 1955

Mr. T. D. du Cuennois
Representative
CIO Region IV
406 Vaughan Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Ted:

Many thanks. I've passed Marine's name on to the guy in Virginia -- Carroll Brooke, at Staunton.

Also I've got your Louisville address in my pocket-book, and shall turn up at your office door some day, demanding time-out for coffee or what have you.

Also I'll remember that your family is still in Richmond, and there I'll show, also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 24, 1955

Mrs. P.E. Cunningham
Box 703
Vicksburg, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Cunningham:

This is to thank you for sending Mrs. Dean to our conference of church women. She made a good contribution to the discussions and told us something of the problems you face. I too realize these problems and leave it to your wisdom as to how they may be worked out.

Under separate cover I am sending you gleanings from the conference.

With deep appreciation for your courage, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. Cecil Davis
216 Riverview Blvd.
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I suppose you have heard from Mrs. Ashley about the meeting we had here in Atlanta in reference to the Supreme Court decision on segregated schools.

Under separate cover I am sending you gleanings of this conference.

I was in Miss Ashley's home last week and we talked some about planning a meeting in Florida similar to our Atlanta meeting. I will go further into the matter with her as to finances and mailing list. We found Mrs. Ashley quite an addition to our conference and she most certainly has weight in her own home town for she gathered together women from the PTA and the various denominations to meet with me.

With the best of wishes to the United Church Women in Florida.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. B.M. McComb
1742 Ingleside Drive
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mrs. McComb:

You may have heard from Mrs. Goldthwaite about our meeting here in Atlanta in reference to the Supreme Court decision on segregated schools.

Under separate cover I have mailed you gleanings from this conference.

I hope it may be possible for you to have a state meeting similar to the one you had here in Atlanta.

Best wishes to the United Church Women in Louisiana.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. J.W. Harbison
911 N. Washington Street
Shelby, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Harbison:

Mrs. Groome was with us here in Atlanta at a meeting of church women called to find ways to interpret the Supreme Court decision to the community.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the gleanings of these meetings.

I regret very much that Mrs. Groome's term of office will soon be over. I hope your conference will find a successor as fine as Mrs. Groome.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. S.A. Harvey
15 Riverside Drive
Charleston, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

I regret you were not able to be with us at our Atlanta conference. I was glad that Miss Caroline Gillespie was with us.

Under separate cover I am sending you gleanings from that conference and I am hoping that, working through the United Church Women of South Carolina, we may have a similar meeting in your state.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. C.R. Noble
Box 446
State College, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Noble:

I regret that noone from the United Church Women of Mississippi was present at our meeting of church women.

Under separate cover I am sending you the gleanings of that meeting.

I fully understand the difficulties you are facing in Mississippi but I do hope it will be possible for United Church Women to be the interpreters of the Supreme Court decision, to the church women at least.

With best wishes for you as you undertake the duties of president of United Church Women.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mrs. Hodding Carter
Box 665
Greenville, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Carter:

You did your very best to have a representative at the church women's meeting here and I deeply appreciate it.

Under separate cover I am mailing you some gleanings of the meeting and you will see that they didn't venture very much in their plan of action. However, the reports that have come in have shown that they have been more courageous as they went back to their own organizations.

We read with interest Mr. Carter's article in LOOK. I hope this exposure of the Citizens' Councils will help.

Thank you so much for all of the effort you put into having the church women of Mississippi represented at the conference. With best wishes to you and Mr. Carter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

met:rnf

March 24, 1955

Dr. Milton L. Wood
All Saints Episcopal Church
W. Peachtree St. and North
Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wood:

Under separate cover I mailed you a copy of the gleanings of the conference of church women held in your church on February 24th and 25th.

I am deeply grateful for the hospitality you extended to us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Rt. Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O.
512 Ebenezer Street
Rock Hill, S.C.

Dear Father Shean:

Knowing you will be interested, I mailed you under separate cover a copy of the gleanings from our conference of church women.

I want to thank you again for sending us the two fine representatives you did.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Under separate cover I am sending you the gleanings of a conference of church women -- interfaith and interracial -- from the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina held here on February 24th and 25th on the Supreme Court decision.

You will note the women didn't go very far in their program of action but since they have returned home some of them seem to have found more courage -- for the work being done is far more venturesome than the plans they made.

I am sending this to you because I want you to know we are trying.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Miss Florence Teague
P.O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Miss Teague:

On February 24th and 25th, we had a conference of church women from the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina to make plans on how to interpret the Supreme Court decision to their communities and help prepare a climate for its acceptance.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the gleanings from this conference. You may find some use for them. I will say in this connection that what the women are doing since they went home shows more courage than when they formulated plans for action here.

With the best of wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Father L.J. Twomey, S.J.
Director of Institute of
Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Father Twomey:

Because you helped me in furnishing the literature for our conference of church women held here in February, I am sending you a copy of the gleanings from it.

We had two very fine Catholic women with us who contributed much to the discussion. I still prize the letter you wrote me when you sent me the material.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 24, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

You will remember that at the Executive Committee meeting February 17th it was said that each member of the Executive Committee should raise $100, and that the Board members should be urged similarly. See page seven of the enclosed Minutes. I wrote out to the members of the Executive Committee and reminded them of their kind undertaking. I drafted a letter from me to the members of the Board telling the Board of this and asking them to prepare to send in $100 each. Various people on the staff quite rightly said that such a letter to the Board members would come with best grace from you as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Surely that is right.

I pass on to you as raw material for a letter from you to the Board members a slightly altered version of what I had originally drafted for me to send out to the Board members. But I think this draft lacks bite, and we would all be better off with a simple note that you wrote yourself ab initio.

It seems to me no proper part of AU's job to type up all those letters. If you will prepare a sample letter and send the sample to me, and send separately (to save postage) enough stationary to enable us to send the letters out to 77 * Board members, we will type the letters and bring them back to you for signature, and get them out.

I grant you that Marion Wright is an alternate preparer and signer of the letters, but it seems to me that you are the logical one.

For your information, but with no suggestion that your office do all the work, I send a list of the Board members.

Presumably a letter should not go to those Board members who are ex-officio as heads of or are elected by State organizations
GSM

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 24, 1955

Mr. Bem Price
Associated Press
Star Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bem:

Floating around in history and in the minds of many people at the hearings, and of many people who read about the arguments made at the hearings, will be an important conflict of doctrine. The conflict will be between those who take an old view of what should be done to bring forward a disadvantaged and dependent population and those who take a more modern and perhaps a more instructed view. The old view was that you should put welfare on the people who needed it, and you held them in subordination until you thought they had received enough welfare. The new view is that unless people feel tangibly the boon of freedom and equality, they take on welfare skimpily and with such gaps that it is of little effect.

By far the greater portion of thoughtful Southern white people have held to that comfortable first doctrine. They said, "Here is a people making a lot of progress. They are still handicapped by poor housing, poor schools, insufficient skill, and poor health. When more has been done along these lines and after a further long period of years, then maybe it will be time to talk about yielding respect for equal human dignity." So Mr. Churchill said about India before India was set free. And they have done very well, thank you. So the French said about Indo-China, and mighty nearly got us into a hopeless bit of warfare on that. They are still saying it about French North Africa. Never mind more examples: they are a'plenty.

Examples are also a'plenty to show that if a dependent people is given self-government its humblest members work like beavers to achieve literacy and health and skill and stability. The Gold Coast is a nice case. So is Liberia, Ceylon, Java, the Phillipines -- many more.

The Supreme Court of the United States last May 17th in a thunderclap of decision said that the United States was going to do it by recognising equal human dignity first.

Of course that makes it hard for the people who have made up their minds to see the job through along old lines. And it is going to be quite a wrench for a great many Southern communities to bring themselves around to providing locally and in detail respect for equal human dignity. But that's the job the South faces.

And we don't get on with the job by arguing that the time hasn't come; that we need more slum clearance; and Negro people need to show greater strength of character; and so on.

You get on with the job by meeting openly, frankly, and equally with courageous local Negro citizens, and finding the facts about the two local school systems and planning together on the basis of accurate shared knowledge how, in the light of the situation in that community and in the light of change in the law, to combine the two school systems. And you plan the pace at which it is to be done. That process involves the whole community, white and Negro, in the public decision. The South will learn what a great many Southern people more than half know anyway is the truth, that under these circumstances Negro citizens in the South will show constructiveness, reasonableness, temperateness, statesmanship, ingenuity, courage, and purpose. And these qualities are the end-product of welfare.

Put another way: the argument for long postponement falls in proportion as equal dignity is offered.

As far as the schools are concerned themselves, both the white children and the Negro children will get a lot more and better education under the new arrangement than under the old. They will learn how to run a democracy together. And unfortunately for all we have lavished on segregated education in the South thus far, that end-product of education we haven't achieved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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NIGHT LETTER

March 24, 1955

Miss Mabel Shannon
International Exchange Project
National Social Welfare Assembly, Inc.
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Have talked with David Burgess, Executive Director, Georgia State Industrial Union Council, 11 Merritts Avenue, N.E., regarding Lundgren. Suggest that ~~he~~ he be invited to serve as his sponsor in Atlanta. I ~~will~~ will cooperate with him. Also urge possibility of visit to Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee be explored through Myles Horton. Believe this would be exceedingly helpful.

Grace T Hamilton

March 24, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here is a copy of Ed Lukas' reply.

I will follow through on getting the material from the man at Chapel Hill and sending or taking it up to Lukas' people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

March 22, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I have examined the report of the study of Equal Penalties. The depressing feature, in my opinion, is the divergence between the research desigh and its execution. I think this might have been avoided.

I believe there may be devices we can utilize for obtaining additional information from the data. I would, therefore, appreciate your obtaining the statistical materials for our examination as soon as possible. Until we have completed our end of this analysis, I think it would be desirable to postpone correspondence with the contributors.

I plan to make copies of the report and will send some to you, along with your original.

Regards

/s/ Ed

Edwin J. Lukas

ejl/bwl

March 24, 1955

Mr. Ernest A. T. Barth
303C - Alumni Building
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Barth:

Is there somebody attached to the Department who could on your behalf box up the schedules and the IBM cards and all the papers pertaining to the equal penalties study and express it to us collect? I would be grateful if time and travel could be saved in that way.

We continue to appreciate all you did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 24, 1955

Mr. Maurice Stapley
Box 47
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Stapley:

The March issue of Citizens and their Schools says you will be working with local communities on schools problems, for the NSBA and presumably in conjunction with the NCCPS.

Problem in the South: how arrange representation of Negro citizenship at such local or statewide conferences?

I can offer you a new organizational resource, and do so. Our Southern Regional Council, ten years old in its own name and going back to 1919 through the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation, has lately helped bring into being in each of twelve Southern States voluntary race-relations agencies. They contain on their Boards or Executive Committees many of the leading personalities, white and Negro, in their states. Among their other purposes is the peaceful and early implementation of the decision of the Supreme Court on public school segregation.

Experience shows that it takes firmness, knowledge, and some lines of friendship to arrange fair and square representation of go-ahead opinion, white and Negro, on this matter in educational conferences in the South.

We would be happy to give you the addresses of our people in each of the States (Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Florida, the Carolinas, and Virginia) where we have these new groups; and with your encouragement, I would write out to our people and ask them to be prepared to be helpful to your local representatives.

The Southern Regional Council has reorganized these new State groups mainly with the proceeds of a grant from the Fund for the Republic.

For some personal account of me, I refer you to your fellow Bloomingtonian, Miss Elizabeth Stein, at the High School

Please let me know as to this proposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 25, 1955

Miss Mary E. Frayser
Box 41
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

Nice to have your letter.

The main answer is that the Rock Hill group should play its proper, and perhaps a leading, role in the work of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. If the SCCHR doesn't stay ahead of you, get ahead of it!

We are still the Southern Regional Council. Each state organization could take any name it wished, and most of them turned up as Councils on Human Relations.

The enclosure you were going to send me didn't come; instead I got a copy of the letter to Mr. Verner.

I'm coming to something that Mr. Edwards is having at Winthrop Tuesday, April 19, and hope to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Box 41

GSM/eab
Encl.
bc: Mrs. Alice Spearman
FBR

COPY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Box 41, Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina
March 23, 1955

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have reread Changing Patterns, memorandum No. 1 and a circular letter from your office.

As a result, see attached quotations. *

The Rock Hill S.R.C., now Human Relations Council, asked questions, namely, "What do you wish us to do?" and "How shall we do it?"

It desired explicit answers.

The fourteen items quoted and the Tennessee and Kentucky response give them.

It, or some similar summary, is needed by local councils and individuals in South Carolina.

What do you advise?

It isnot easy to get members for S.R.C. in this area.

And yet it is certain "That the South is moving -- not always smoothly, but with seeming inevitability toward an increasingly integrated society."

As practical means to the desired end, I have thought of sending the attached quotations with an invitation to some leading citizens. Have you suggestions; if so, may I have them? I am mailing copies to Mrs. Spearman, Mrs. Paul, and Mr. Dabbs for their advice. It is wonderful work you are doing. Many are grateful.

Is your office S.R.C. or H.R.C.?

Yours sincerely and devotedly,

/s/
Mary E. Frayser

*Not received in central office

March 25, 1955

Mr. Ralph Borsodi
University of Melbourne
Melbourne, Florida

Dear Mr. Borsodi:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 22nd, about the University of Melbourne.

I go back to Columbia days when your son was a welcome member of our student group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 25, 1955

Mrs. L.R. Barber
Moultrie, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Barber:

There is a possibility of a meeting for Georgia similar to the Southwide meeting we had of church women.

Please look over your dates and give me two or three that would be most convenient for you. I certainly want to make it possible for you to be with us this time.

I would appreciate a quick reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 25, 1955

Mr. Joe R. Hoffer
Executive Secretary
National Conference of Social Work
345 East Forty-Sixth Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hoffer:

Yes, please do save me a spot in a hotel in San Francisco. I will arrive by plane the afternoon of Sunday, May 29th. Will need the hotel room the night of the 29th and the night of the 30th. Unfortunately in the course of the 31st I have to get back East.

I accept with much appreciation Mr. Altmeyer's invitation to be his guest at dinner for Monday evening, May 30th.

I will send you a manuscript by or before May 16th.

Here's a picture and some biographical material.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encls.

March 25, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

The San Francisco Conference of Social Work wants a manuscript out of me by or before May 16th.

I would appreciate having your suggestions about May 1st about what ought to be said. This is not asking anybody else to draw up the speech: I just want some hints.

GSM/eab
cc: HCF

March 25, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Could you come over here for one day next week at our expense, between March 28th and April 1st? I will be in all week and we could take some time to talk about this tenancy business.

If next week won't suit you on such short notice, I am to be around also the week of April 4,5, 6, and 7.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF
KS

March 25, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

The Southern Regional Council is trying to get together a Finance Committee composed of members of its Board of Directors. We are fairly far along with appointing the Committee, but it hasn't yet been officially finished. I want to put up to that Committee the whole policy matter of what is to be done by SRC, or on its behalf, in reaching out to individual donors in the various states. And so until the Finance Committee can consider the angles on that we will not proceed with requests to individual citizens for aid to us, or mutually to us and to the state groups. The one exception is that we are asking the Chairman of the Executive Committee of SRC to write to the fifty originally-elected members of the Board of Directors of SRC and ask each of them to chip in $100, following on the example of the members of the Executive Committee itself.

But in that action we are specifically not going to approach those Board members of SRC who are on the SRC Board because (a) they are chairmen of state groups, or (b) because they are elected by state organizations to be on SRC's Board, ex-officio.

Specifically in Louisiana that means that we shall be asking for $100 from John McCann, Florence Sytes, and Dr. Dent. We will not make such a request of D'Orlando.

I am uncertain whether the Louisiana Council on Human Relations has elected an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of SRC or not. Can you straighten me out on that?

We shan't be asking our Board members to send any hundred dollars of their own straight away, but shall be notifying them along about now that we hope they can get or give $100 by next September.

I appreciate all your hard effort to run down Tom Sutherland.

Let me know in due time the results of the consultations with your Executive Committee on this whole matter of avoiding competitiveness in fund-raising.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS
FBR
CHP

March 25, 1955

Mrs. Savilla Millis Simons
National Board, Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Simons:

Today I had the good fortune to be able to read from cover to cover the memorandum on "Methods of Combatting Discrimination" prepared by the Y.W.C.A.'s 66 the U.S.A. for the World's Y.W.C.A. It is an inspiring record. It demonstrates so exactly the progress toward ideals which is possible when institutions and organizations have the courage to re-examine themselves and their practices in terms of their own goals and the demands of the times. I hope that the statement of principles underlying the methods which are illustrated will be widely used both within and without the Y.W.C.A. for teaching purposes.

I have hoped to have had an opportunity for a visit with you but it has not been possible. Some day in the future....

With sincere appreciation for your and the National Board's consistent leadership.

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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March 25, 1955

Mrs. Jesse Daniel Ames
Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I haven't forgotten the promise to get back to you the files.

I am anxious to return it all, and it is a kind of thing that I only get to in snatches.

But I am more than halfway through; I am much interested and instructed; and feel certain I can get them off to you early next week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 28, 1955

Mr. William B. Lipphard
Executive Secretary
The Associated Church Press
152 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Lipphard:

All is in good order about the meeting April 13th in Washington.

Delighted to stay for lunch and to promise to be there for dinner that evening at 6:00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 28, 1955

Mr. Charles N. Vickery
410 East Sixty-Fourth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vickery:

Thank you for your letter of March 23rd. At thirty-five you have begun an interesting career.

Of set purpose we expanded this central office in Atlanta very little, and put most of our energy into building strong state organizations with paid staff in each of twelve Southern states. All of these states have chosen their staff and put them to work with the exceptions of Virginia, Tennessee, and Florida.

With some knowledge of the particularism of Virginia, I guarantee that that state will pick somebody from within its own borders. My guess is that native Floridians feel so submerged that they will also hunt for somebody identified with Florida. Tennessee proposes to take on no single employed professional person, but to engage for its central office a high-type clerical person and put the rest of its money on consultants scattered over the state. Incidentally, we are getting good advice from Richard Henry who is the Unitarian minister in Knoxville.

If you ever come this way, come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 28, 1955

TO: Mrs. E. H. Spearman

FROM: Grace Towns Hamilton

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to tell you that the reprints of the article by Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle have been ordered, but have not yet been received.

We will let you know as soon as they can be made available to you.

GTH/eab

March 28, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Jr.
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

Many thanks for the form for Mr. Griswold and Mr. Mercer, duly received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Loyalty Form to KS

March 28, 1955

Miss Anna L. Keaton
Dean of Women
Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

Dear Miss Keaton:

Fear not; I was driven out to Normal and had a good look at its handsome buildings. The whole of Bloomington and environs seemd to me a pleasant stable place. And I don't think I ever had a nicer audience for my map speech.

I will look forward to hearing from your Mrs. Banks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 28, 1955

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Director
Department of Research and
Education of the Kentucky
State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

All straight. June 26th - July 1st, Lexington, Kentucky, it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encls: By-Laws of Mississippi Council
Application for Charter of Incorporation
Minutes of Meeting of MCHR, March 2, 1955
Revised Contract of Agreement

cc: FBR
CHP

March 28, 1955

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Sorry we haven't been speedier about the incorporation documents, but we did the best we could under the circumstances.

(1) The filled-out blank of the Charter of Incorporation is approved by us without amendment. The Minutes of the meeting of March 2nd are approved by me, though I confess that as a measure of saving time I did not get them specifically approved by our Counsel. But they seemed to me quite in order.

(2) The proposed Contract of Agreement is approved by us in the form as submitted herewith.

Lest you, yourself, or those who assist you sniff at the slightness of the undertaking on the part of the Party of the Second Part, I inform you that in the draft which went to our Counsel we included language undertaking to give substantial financial assistance to the Party of the First Part, so long as funds are available, etc., etc. But our Counsel, quite rightly, I think, said that this undertaking was so vague as to be meaningless and should be deleted.

But I remind you of the ghost of that paragraph because I want the Mississippi group to understand that where the language of the agreement does say assist, aid, and counsel, we also mean financially assist.

I return the draft of the by-laws which you sent us. We like the drift of them, but we withhold formal approval of the by-laws until the clarifying clauses re membership, meetings, and board members, and any other changes which you wish to make have been submitted to us in one complete document.

What remains for you to do is as follows: (1) Obtain from the Mississippi authorities the approval of your Charter of Incorporation; (2) Make two copies of the Contract of Agreement and cause both to be signed by your Chairman and your Secretary and send both back to us. We will cause both to be signed by the appropriate SRC officials and then we will send you one back for your files and we will keep one; (3) send us the revised draft of your by-laws for our formal approval.

Then I think all is in order.

Sincerely,

GSM/eab
Encls.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

CONTRACT OF AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into by and between the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, a Mississippi corporation domiciled in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as Party of the First Part and the Southern Regional Council, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, as Party of the Second Part, Witnesseth:-

This Agreement proposes to set forth ways and means by which the two parties to said agreement can effectively coordinate the efforts of their organizations in a program of education in the State of Mississippi. Inasmuch as both parties to this agreement share a common concern for those who need and seek fulfillment of the democratic principle of the dignity and worth of human personality, it is agreed that the two parties will work cooperatively in using their resources and staff in the sponsoring of such activities as will bring greater dignity to all men, without respect to race, color, creed, or socio-economic standing.

It is made a part of this agreement and as a condition thereof that the president, and one other member of the Board of Directors of the Party of the First Part shall be ex-officio members of the Southern Regional Council.

The Party of the First Part agrees to

A. Endeavor to fulfill the purposes for which it is created, as listed in Article 7 of the Charter of Incorporation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

B. Accept the requirement of the Southern Regional Council that it approve in writing the By-Laws of the organization and any amendments of the By-Laws; executive staff employed by the organization must be approved by the Southern Regional Council prior to employment, and salary checks for all executive staff employed by the organization shall be sent from the Southern Regional Council so long as the organization is substantially assisted by the Southern Regional Council;

bookkeeping and program reports of the organization shall be in accordance with requirements of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of dissolution or disaffiliation of the organization, so much of the property as was secured with the aid of the Southern Regional Council, shall be at the disposition of the Southern Regional Council.

It is agreed that the Party of the Second Part will

Assist, aid, and counsel the Party of the First Part in planning, creating, and maintaining a program consistent with its purposes as stated in Article 7 of the Charter of Incorporation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

The parties to this agreement mutually agree that this contract shall become effective on the date of the signing thereof and is to remain in full force thereafter; provided, however, that the agreement may be cancelled by either party serving ninety (90) days written notice of such intention to cancel upon the other party.

Under separate cover:
Answers for Action
The Churches Speak
Christian Conscience
Changing Patterns

March 28, 1955

Rev. Odell G. Harris
Fort Valley College Center
P.O. Box 490
Fort Valley, Georgia

Dear Rev. Harris:

We have received your letter of March 25th saying that you have been asked to serve on a committee of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Province of Sewanee of the Episcopal Church which is to study "Prejudice, its Effects."

As an Episcopalian, I am pleased to see the Holy Mother Church take up this question. It has long been my personal belief that not only our church but Christiandom as a whole has shown a remarkable lack of Christian concern about the problems of race relations. It is reassuring to find that we are rediscovering our Christian responsibility to our fellow man.

In making this study, I would suggest that it would be helpful to clearly define the difference between prejudice and discrimination. When I was teaching at the University of Miami in the Department of Human Relations I used these definitions:

Prejudice: A pattern of attitudes adverse to an individual, a group or a situation.
Discrimination: A pattern of actions adverse to an individual, a group or a situation.

I believe at this time our real problem is discrimination. If we stop acting in a discriminatory manner toward our fellow man, our attitudes toward him are bound to change. Certainly there is an important role for the church to play in creating a Christian attitude for all the children of God. It is equally or even more important for Christian people to act in accordance with their beliefs.

I am enclosing with this letter a short list of books and pamphlets which I believe would be of assistance to you in spelling out solutions to the problems your committee will face. I am also sending you under separate cover several of our publications from the Southern Regional Council.

With every good wish for the success of your committee and with the sincere hope that it will face these critical times with forthright honesty; it must be remembered that Jesus Christ did not promise that the role of the church or of Christians would be an easy one but rather He said: "Take up your cross and follow me."

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:rnf

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United Nations	The Main Types and Causes of Discrimination Secretary General's Memo, Commission on Human Rights, N.Y., 1947

March 29, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wrig t
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Sutherland in his incoming had said that the 50-50 plan had the approval of his Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

March 29, 1955

TO: KS

I think this is $12.00 worth of program benefit.

March 29, 1955

Mr. Ralph A. Felton
Drew Theological Seminary
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Felton:

Nothing can excuse a delay of over three months in answering your warm letter of December 14, about the three pamphlets.

I was already familiar with These My Brethren, and I spent a good deal of time with the New Gospel of the Soil and Go Down, Moses. Each taught me a lot, and brought out admiration for the achievements of these men in rural situations.

My one idea has been to get Jim Sells, who does an excellent religious column in the Progressive Farmer to build a column around the three pamphlets. He is a hard man to catch, and despite three months I haven't found him with a wuiet moment when we could talk hopefully about his writing something that would get them better known. But I will still try, and the time will come when I can put it up to him.

Our Council had budgeted out every bit of its money for getting twelve state race relations organizations going. They are doing well, and are going in all the twelve states, and have paid staff in eight or nine. I can and do order twelve sets, and will send them out to our State organizations. And I'll write each State organization, and urge them to help get the pamphlets known and used.

If you come hereabouts, do come to see us. And I will hope to find my way on some northwards trip to Drew.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. Order Blank:
12 copies New Gospel of the Soil
" " These My Brethren
" " Go Down, Moses

CC: KS

March 29, 1955

Mr. Robert D. Nicholson
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Sorry we had such a fits-and-starts day yesterday. Try us again, or better still, rest on this visit, and trust us to be friends.

If you don't get our maggie called New South you ought to. Leaflet herewith.

In all kinds of ways we can get ahead together with this job. Main thing is local discussion meetings, where white and Negro people meet equally and find the facts and make plans on working the schools, together. That does the trick.

I commend Answers for Action again. Useful textlet for such meetings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

March 29, 1955

Dr. L. K. Northwood
Director of Agency Evaluation Project
Council of Social Agencies
815 Association of Commerce Bldg.
Grand Rapids 2, Mich.

Dear Dr. Northwood:

I am sending our self-survey manual "Your Community Looks at Itself" and a report of Greenville, S. C.'s self-survey, "Greenville's Big Idea," under separate cover. We are currently mimeographing the latest follow-up report on progress in Greenville related to their self-survey, and I will send you a copy of that report when it is available.

Unfortunately our supply of reports on the several other self-surveys we have worked with are exhausted. I would suggest that you write directly to Mrs. Elsie Larson Wilson, Council of Social Agencies, 715 Travis St., Shreveport, La. requesting a copy of their self-survey report, "The Shreveport Story." You will also find Dean Pieper's article on the Shreveport survey, "Shreveport: All-American City," Municipal South, February, 1954, 5-9 of interest. I am enclosing three sample copies of the schedule the Shreveport group used in their house-to-house canvas of the Negro community.

You are probably aware that the Health Information Foundation, Room 850, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y. has sponsored several research projects in the general area of the influence of community self-studies on community change, particularly in the field of health. I am not aware of any material yet published as a result of their studies, but do know that it has been several years since the first of the series was completed.

You will possibly find some of the references in the enclosed bibliography helpful.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

encl
Shreveport schedules (3)
Bibliography of materials, Community Self-Surveys

March 29, 1955

Mr. Robert L. Carter
Assistant Counsel
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
107 W. 43rd St.
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Carter:

It occured to me that you might not have seen our publication "State Parks for Negroes--New Tests of Equality" and that this might be particularly useful in view of the recent park decisions.

Quantity orders for back issues of NEW SOUTH are eight cents each, this rate applying for 10 or more copies.

I am also enclosing the text of bills and resolutions pertaining to segregation introduced in the Georgia General Assembly, January, 1955, for your information.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

encl
State Parks for Negroes
Georgia Segregation Bills

March 29, 1955

Mr. Boyd Campbell
Chamber of Commerce
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I trust it is true that we are mutually beneficiaries of the wisdom and kindness of Rebecca Reid!

Coming along separately is a pamphlet called Answers for Action: The Schools in the South. It compresses the Ashmore report, gives the decision of the Court, and tells ways for local communities to get ahead with understanding and planning. I commend the map at the back. Obviously the job is harder in some places than in others, and my own view is that if Negro responsibility and ingenuity is freely brought into the planning of what to do, they will be quite helpful in arriving at plans that are workable, and agreed upon.

Our gratitude for your own wise words.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Miss Rebecca Reid

March 29, 1955

Mrs. James W. Dabbs
Mayesville, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Dabbs:

You may have heard from Miss Gillespie of the conference held here in Atlanta with the Shristian Social Relations secretaries of the State Councils of United Church Women and of the various denominations. The plan that came out of the discussions was that each state should have a similar meeting and the Council of Church Women would be the one, in a way, to spearhead the meeting. Of course, with a great deal of help in materials, mimeographing, and so forth, from the Southern Regional Council.

I regret that your new secretary of Christian Social Relations did not find it possible to be at this meeting. I would like very much to have a conference with you and with Mrs. Harvey if it would be possible for her to be with us. If you will name the place and date, I will fit my schedule accordingly.

I know you'll be happy to learn that every denomination of the South cooperated at this church women's conference we had here. Under separate cover I am sending you some gleanings from it.

Awaiting to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 29, 1955

Mr. Allen D. Edwards
Head of Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
The South Carolina College for Women
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Fine to have a meeting the night of Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30. Do let the machinery unroll. I'll be there all day for your meeting, and will sleep in Rock Hill that night, but next day I should be on my way back.

Title for a talklet: "Pride and Progress."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

March 30, 1955

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Ocie Lee:

I reach out toward you, and I know what your situation is. And I wish to goodness we could sit down somewhere and, maybe with a couple of bottles of beer, turn the situation around and look at it topside and side-side and bottomside, and discuss it. Wouldn't do any good to the situation, but it would do some good to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 30, 1955

Mrs. Betty Shiphard
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Betty:

Fancy story, and I appreciate it.

I have got three hickory trees planted in my backyard. Let's hope they grow.

Many thanks for everybodys' many kindnesses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 30, 1955

Mr. Lewis W. Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Fine. I will look for you April 6th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 30, 1955

Mr. Giles A. Hubert
Division of Social Studies
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Giles:

I have no excuse for waiting from July until the next April to answer a warm friendly letter from a good guy.

The show has been busy, as you will have heard. Still I wasn't too busy to have got together with Giles and Pat and Ocie Lee and Mr. Reddix, and t'others. If it happens again, let me know and I will show.

I never go to Nashville without missing the two of you. And I am never at A & I without looking up Pat's sister.

Sooner or later I will get to New Orleans and we will have a reunion. I have got half a plan of travelling through there in August on my way to Arizona, and if I do I will have Alice with me.

I want to hear about all of your adventures. And we could swap some philosophy about how people shake off colonialism.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 30, 1955

Miss Helen E. Amerman
5439 South Kimbark
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Helen:

The right thing is for the University of Chicago to pick you up and advantage itself thereby.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 30, 1955

TO: GTH

Are we doing all that we should in appointing and charging with its duties, and urging to its actions, the Nominating Committee now required in the by-laws?

March 30, 1955

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I confirm the conversation by phone ten days or so ago with Mrs. Alexander.

The Council will be convening near Chapel Hill, June 1, 2, and 3, its employed state staff people from all over the South. Fifteen or eighteen people from the states, and six or seven from Atlanta. Some of us white and some of us Negro.

Harry Jones, who runs the North Carolina Council for Human Relations, has the consent of the Orange Presbytery for the use of their Camp Hope, some miles the other side of Chapel Hill. We take in just before supper June 1st and let out after lunch June 3rd.

At some convenient time in the course of this conference, I hope that you will, in circumstances as informal as can be arranged, talk along about the earlier and later days of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, experiences of the Rosenwald Fund, and whatever reflections you would like to give the group.

Here are new and mostly youngish persons doing professionally (I hope), much the same sort of thing that you got so many volunteers to work at earlier. Many of the same problems of course. They will all be much further along toward wisdom and judgment if you will pump in to them as much as you can of your experiences.

I will bring them all over to your front porch, or perhaps you and Mrs. Alexander will come over to theirs. Is it better for such a session to be morning or afternoon or evening?

I assume, in any case, it should be in the course of Tuesday, June 2nd.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Harry Jones
FBR
GTH

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 31, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

It seems to me that you are now in position to put out an advisory memo to the Nominating Committee.

The actions on the nominations made at the 1954 meeting are complete, except that we have only oral acceptance from Bishop Watkins.

I should think that it would be wise to describe the twenty-two vacancies prospectively on the Board for 1956-58. Who are these persons, from what states do they come, and what are their occupations?

The language which now governs the Nominating Committee was incorporated into the by-laws November 23rd by action of the Executive Committee as follows:

[See attached sheet]

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ARTICLE V

Present Section 4 should become Section 5.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee, and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

March 31, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Fred Routh had no general Southwesterly trip planned at the April 30 time, and I in my chinchiness said we had best let the one of us, GSM, do the trip alone. But Fred and I will confer intensively ahead of the trip, most especially about any items you may write in about, and I hope I can be primed to get out eleventeen answers if you need them.

And you were going to write me about what I am to say in hon. speechlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 31, 1955

Mrs. Naomah W. Maise
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Maise:

I am happy to come down to Daytona Beach April 9th, because I like what the National Council does and because I like what you do and feel confidence in the additional things you will do. I had been pretty strict with my rule about only leaving town when people could pay the expenses, but in this instance we will find the money necessary for the travel.

Hitch is that I have promised by now to be in Jackson, Mississippi on the evening of Friday, April 8th, and I must therefore depend on the planes to get me to Daytona the next morning. Ordinarily I don't do that; I go by train in order to be sure to get where I am supposed to be. But this time I don't see any help for it except to trust to the planes. And the plane schedule is a little risky. I have to get up in Jackson for a four o'clock morning flight, come through to New Orleans, and make a close connection at Jacksonville, Florida. If all works, I arrive at the airport at Daytona Beach 12:45 p.m. Saturday, April 9th. If all does not work, I don't know what happens.

Anyway, assuming the plane runs and runs tolerably on time, I will undertake to be available to you at least for the dessert part of the luncheon on April 9th, and for as much use as you wish to make of me that afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Written Note: I think now I'll arrive D.B. 11:20 a.m. April 9th, and try to leave at 5:53 p.m. northbound by train.

Air Mail

March 31, 1955

Mrs. M. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I have been working out my travel.

I will leave Atlanta on Delta's Flight 403 and arrive at Jackson at 2:35 p.m. April 8th. I will just come on into your office, or go anywhere you write me to go. I am booking return passage to Atlanta at 3:16 on the morning of April 9th by Delta's Air Coach Flight 212, which gets me into the Atlanta airport at 6:23. Then I have got to squat in the Atlanta airport for two hours and go on down to Daytona Beach to be with those folks the afternoon of April 9th.

It would be a better deal for me if your friends in Jackson would finish with me on Friday evening, April 8th, in time for me to be driven out to the airport and catch Delta's eastbound Flight 406 which leaves Jackson at 9:48 p.m. That would give me some sleep in Atlanta that night. And it would save a hotel bill in Jackson.

But I realise that no properly conducted meeting beginning at 8:00, with a speech beginning at about 8:30 and allowing a little time for questions, will ease the man out by 9:15 or so. I am perfectly willing to stay in Jackson that night and, indeed, I expect to do that. But you ponder the matter and if it seems perfectly feasible to put me on the 9:48 eastbound, that's preferable. If you decide against that (as I rather expect you to), will you see that space is held for me in a Jackson hotel the night of April 8/9. Pretty much has to be a hotel because I have to be awakened at 2:30 a.x. and toted out to the airport.

In any case, please try to let me know what you decide to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 31, 1955

Mrs. Ralph Wilson
Box 280
Laurens, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We are planning state meetings at the present time. As you may remember it was suggested at our meeting here in Atlanta that the United Church Women take the initiative.

I have taken the matter up with Mrs. Dabbs, your South Carolina president, and will be in South Carolina sometime soom to see her. I'd appreciate it if you would give me some open dates that you have -- we would most certainly want you to be with us.

In a day or two you will receive some excerpts from the letters we've received from the women evaluating our hours here together in Atlanta.

With love and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

METrmf

March 31, 1955

Mrs. C.F. Goldthwait
6101 Louisville Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwaite:

I am wondering if you've been thinking about a meeting in Louisiana similar to the one we had here. I certainly hope you have.

We can give you some help. We can prepare the workbooks for your group and furnish you materials. And if you so desire, I could be with you at your planning meeting, and can give you the lists given me by the presidents of the Southern women's organizations.

These meetings should come in every state not later than June 1st, or they'll be impossible until Fall.

I thoroughly enjoyed having you with us at our meeting here. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 31, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue, S.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Noreen:

Your card has just been received and already the stencil is cut so that your report may be mimeographed.

Are you still thinking of a meeting in Alabama? If so, I can give you the list of the key women of the various denominational groups, who in turn could bring their own key women to your meeting. I know I promised you further financial help. I can still keep that promise. We can make workbooks for you as we still have the stencils and we can furnish you materials for your packets.

I hope you will find it possible to have a meeting either in April or May. As you know, it is almost impossible to have a summer meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rmf

March 31, 1955

Dr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and
Economic Relations
748 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Ward:

I received your letter of March 29th and I regret you have not received a copy of the gleanings from our conference of the church women.

Under separate cover, we are sending you another copy and also some excerpts from letters we've received from the women. We're doing our best to have similar conferences in every state.

I hope you will be able to attend some of them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 31, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
624 Masonic Building
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Please don't forget that I'll want a copy of the article you are writing for a magazine on the Citizens' Councils.

I have just written to Mrs. Tatum about an Alabama meeting similar to the one we had here. I know when you have time, you will help her work on it.

If you have any clippings or information further about the Citizens' Councils, I would certainly appreciate copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

March 31, 1955

Dr. Lanier Hunt
National Council of
Churches
70 E. Adam Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Hunt:

Under separate cover we are mailing you copies of some excerpts of letters that have come in from the women who attended our meetings on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta.

These cannot be printed as we agreed we would not give very much publicity to what is being done.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:mf

March 31, 1955

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

Answers for Action we think is still the best item out. It skillfully compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; carries the whole decision and the footnotes; answers a lot of questions; tells what to do; and has a valuable map at the back.

We have done since then a quite different booklet -- Changing Patterns in the New South. Read through the contents and read the very last sentence in the book, and you will have the flavor of it. It certainly does a broader job than Answers for Action in painting in the background in the South. But it is more limited to the Southern scene than Answers for Action. Also, we suppose that its cost would make it prohibitive for wide circulation. But it may well be that some few especially responsible people ought to have it.

In a quantity of five hundred or a thousand we can send Answers for Action at 15¢ apiece, we to pay the motor freight charges. That is even a bit less than it cost us to print them.

We do hope you will get some. We would be honored, and the cause would be helped if it reached your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Changing Patterns under separate cover

March 31, 1955

Reverend H. Brent Shaeffer
Leesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Shaeffer:

We got a release today from the Fund for the Republic with an interesting bit of news that touches the Lutherans. The Fund for the Republic did on Wednesday, March 30th, present an award of $10,000 to the citizens of Waverly, Iowa, for their supporting equality of opportunity for all Americans.

What they did was in an all-white town to find pleasant housing for a Negro Army Captain who had been cold shouldered in his first effort to locate. The Chamber of Commerce picked it up and shoved it through pleasantly. The release said that Waverly is an all-white predominantly Lutheran community of 5,000. I called the office of Mr. Harold C. Letts and talked not with him (he away), but with I think someone named Scheer, who was glad to hear it.

Small item, but I wanted you to know of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 1, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

I regret that we were late in sending the SRC pamphlets to Dr. Lewis. One hundred and fifty were mailed to her last week and she probably has them by now.

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

April 1, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Our people tried their best to put straight the Warren Wilson lapse!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. March, 1955 New South

RETURN TO: Rev. E. Washington

April 1, 1955

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I have just laid aside, to be wrapped and sent to you by express, the last of the folders you so kindly let me take.

Surely the energy and care and tension of those years in your life has seldom been equalled by human beings in modern jobs! You got so far down each vein that you explored! I am all envy of the confidence that leadership people put in you; it was serious and earnest business, and people were generous with wisdom, information, action friendship, time, and judgment. It is a great matter to have been so central a figure in that period of intense statesmanship.

I have been much helped by the time I did put into the files. It is not nearly as much time as I would like to have given to them, and many letters I skimmed instead of reading word by word. Still I am further along than I was, and am grateful for your helpfulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 1, 1955

Women's Council for Inter-
racial Cooperation
7440 Pinecroft Lane
Norfolk 5, Va.

Dear Friends:

A word of hearty congratulations for your March NEWS SHEET. It is an excellent job of opinion analysis and should prove very helpful to everyone who receives it.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 1, 1955

Miss Helen F. Schwartz
Jewish Community Relations
Council
602 Fullerton Building
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Helen:

Heartfelt appreciation for an excellent job promptly done. Your article was what we wanted in every respect: crisp, clear and focused on the meaningful things.

The article should be in print within a month or so. I foresee no changes except possibly a few minor typographical ones. If for any unforeseen reason there should be any substantial editing, I will check it with you before going to press.

Again thanks and all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 1, 1955

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Assistant Secretary of
Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for sending us a copy of the excellent Project report by Mr. Madison. You have no doubt sent it to the various community service agencies which are most directly concerned with facilitating off-post recreation for service men. They should find it extremely helpful.

At the moment, I see no way for us to reproduce it for wider circulation. However, if some agency does undertake this, we should very much like to secure additional copies for distribution to our key people throughout the South.

Meanwhile, we will find it a very useful addition to our guidance materials in this field.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 1, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We sent Miss Braselton five copies of what we call the gray leaflet, "Southern Regional Council: Toward the South of the Future." One herewith.

I don't like to be tight, but it seems to me that the businesslike thing to do about the equipment in the office Mrs. Oglesby has used is to get it to your office, if it is movable. I assume that the heating device is clearly movable. If the lighting fixture is a desk fixture and therefore movable, I think it ought to go back to your office. If it is something installed with wires into the plastering, of course forget about it.

I have to be in Washington on April 13th, but I will tell Fred Routh that you are having the meeting, and I hope he will be able to go. In any case, he will write you.

I don't know whether in the meetings here at the time of the Board meeting I successfully carried over to you my hope that each state executive director should send me a letter at the end of each month. It is about my only way to feel informed. I certainly don't want a detailed report, and I am not asking for it in any particular form or carrying any particular number of topics to be covered. Just sit down and write me, about the last business day or so of each month, what is going on and how you feel about things. I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

cc: KS
FBR

April 1, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

Greetings to the new Florida chairman!

I make it a practice not to go into somebody's state without giving them a little notice. The two Southern regional groups of the National Council of Negro Women are meeting at Bethune-Cookman College Saturday, April 9th in the afternoon, and they have asked me to make them a speech. I will be flying down and coming straight home for Easter. But I thought I would say that I am coming.

I hope that in the near future we can be together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson

April 1, 1955

Mr. Robert S. Kieve
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

I knew you were joining the USIA but I'm glad to get some direct word about your activities. (Not that you told me specifically what you are doing, come to think of it.) The Report to Congress that you sent was very interesting and very encouraging.

No doubt at all that what we are trying to do relates -- or should relate -- to what the USIA is doing. After all, I understand that the people of other countries are moderately interested in the status of minority groups in the U.S. You are supposed to be receiving our publications, but your recent move and your lack of reading time may have caused you to overlook them. I am enclosing a pamphlet that I wish you would take five minutes to flip through. Some of the folks in the Ford Foundation raised the question of its possible usefulness in U.S. Information work. I am not at all sure that it would be considered appropriate for widespread distribution, but I should think it would be a useful background document for many of the staff people who must deal with questions of civil rights and race relations. Anyhow, I submit the matter to your judgment.

I'm also sticking in the two latest issues of our monthly, New South, just so you'll see what I'm spending my time on.

On one of the many frequent occasions when time hangs heavily on your hands write me what you, Bob Kieve, are doing to tell our story to the world. Can't think of anybody who could do it better.

The best as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf
encl. Changing Patterns
New South, Feb.
New South, March

April 1, 1955

Mr. Ralph Lord Roy
500 West 122nd St.
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Roy:

We noted with interest your letter in THE NEW LEADER requesting information for your study under the sponsorship of the Fund for the Republic.

The Southern Regional Council during the last few years has had the unpleasant but interesting experience of being involved in an irresponsible charge of Communist influence in the Methodist Church. It occured to us that this incident might be of interest to you as a small but symptomatic example of such attacks on the churches.

Perhaps you know of the Reverend Blake Craft, a Methodist minister of Clayton, Ga., who was last year suspended by the North Georgia Conference for his attacks on fellow ministers. Mr. Craft's charges were made in his paper, "One Methodist Voice," over a period of several years. A number of issues were devoted to an "expose" of the Southern Regional Council, which Mr. Craft characterized as "honeycombed with Communist fronters." This general charge was supported at great length by listings of the alleged past associations of present or past members of the Council's board of directors. The churchly significance of all this lies in the fact that the Council rents office space in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church Building, operated by a board of trustees for the North Georgia Conference.

Of course this was only one part of Mr. Craft's vigorous campaign against what he conceives of as "Communist influences" within the Methodist Church. However, our involvement in this way led us to keep rather close track of Mr. Craft's utterances, and we would be happy to make available to you anything from our records that would assist your study.

Unfortunately, we do not have duplicate copies of the various issues of "One Methodist Voice" that we have collected. (However, I do enclose one sample copy.) Nor is it possible in any brief compass to analyze the misrepresentations which characterize Mr. Craft's polemics. But if this episode is of interest to you, perhaps it will be possible for you or one of your associates to visit Atlanta. We should be very glad to cooperate with you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf
encl.

April 1, 1955

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Rothschild:

We had a cordial letter a day or two ago from Mr. Albert Vorspan, of the Commission on Social Action, saying they were thinking of a mailing on the problems of school desegregation, and wondered whether Answers for Action were still our best recommendation, (or what otherwise) and what would 500 or 1000 A for A cost?

We said A for A is still the best, and quoted as reasonable a price as we could contrive.

Many thanks to you for your interest. And we will be hoping that the Commission will get some!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 1, 1955

Mrs. Betty I. Davis
School of Social Work
College of William and Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Queer title. "Pride and Progress."

Coming.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 4, 1955

Mr. C. W. Greenlea
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Greenlea:

Early in March, Mr. Benjamin Mays, Mr. Harry Richardson, and myself wrote out to about forty-four white persons in the Atlanta area, believed to be inclined toward liberal views, and asked them to make some contribution to or become members of the NAACP. The letter we sent was as follows:

"Dear Friend:

The Atlanta branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is now trying to expand its membership, and it would particularly like to have some additional white members, or supporters.

We think the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asks for what is right and that its efforts should be sustained.

If you will be willing to make some donation to it, please send back the enclosed envelope to the first signer of this letter."

I have received thus far the following amounts:

1. Donations without membership: Odum Fanning

2. Minimun membership: Miss Rhoda O'Meara, Mrs. Chester E. Martin, and Miss M. Mae Neptune. Envelope and payment within.

3. Sustaining membership: Mrs. Harry M. Gershon. Envelope and payment within.

In addition, one of the persons to whom we wrote said that he had for several years been giving a goodish lump sum to the Committee of 100, and preferred to continue his donation through that channel.

This is, statistically, no very high rate, but there may be others later on, in which case I will of course send in what is received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Dr. Harry V. Richardson

April 4, 1955

Dr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

The Southern Regional Council you remember under the terms of its present grant from the Fund for the Republic has to raise considerable sums of matching money. Thus far this year the staff has done pretty well. But we will be several thousand dollars short of the $40,000 we must raise (by September 30, 1955) unless we can find some new sources. A Finance Committee is being set up to do the long-range job.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of your Board, meeting February 17, 1955, resolved that each member of the Executive Committee should get or give a hundred dollars to the Council before September 30, and "we are asking the other members of the Board to join us."

'Tisn't immediate, but do make your calculations on raising or giving a hundred to the Council before September 30. Neither are you necessarily bound in such a matter by the action of the Executive Committee; if you don't want to you certainly don't have to! But the need is here, and we hope you can with several months notice find that much for the Council.

Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

REC/GSM:eab

An Original Of
The Attached Ltr. to:

Atwood, Dr. R. B.
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Barbare, Dr. Ralph
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Bates, Mrs. W. F.
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Bond, Ulysses S.
Madison, Arkansas

Burney, I. H.
Afro-American Life Ins. Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Fla.

Carter, Hodding
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Miss

Clement, A. J.
Station A
Box 36
Charleston, S. C.

Crossman, Jerome
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corp.
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Davidson, Herbert M.
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Duncan, O. D.
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Friedman, S. Thomas
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations
Council
1110 Bissonet,
Houston, Texas

Gomillion, Dr. C. G.
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Johnson, Dr. Charles S.
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn

Johnson, Dr. Guy B.
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Danier, Dr. R. O'Hara
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Looby, Dr. Z. A.
419 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Mays, Dr. B. E.
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

McCann, John
231 Baronne Street
New Orleans, La.

McDowell, Dr. E. A.
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forrest, North Carolina

Milner, Dr. Clyde
Guilford College
North Carolina

Milton, L. D.
Citizens Trust Co.
Atlanta, Georgia

Moron, Dr. A. G.
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Va.

Penick, Rt. Rev. E. A.
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Rayzor, Mrs. J. N.
3207 Groveland Lane,
Houston, Texas

Reddix, Dr. J. L.
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Richards, Dr. J. M.
Columbia Theolgical Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Rinehart, Hollis
Rinehart & Gibbs
Counselors at Law
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Robinson, Mrs. E. U.
675 N. Waters St.
Gallatin, Tennessee

Shaw, Charles A.
Watchtower Life Insurance Co.
2206 Dowling St.
Houston, Texas

Smith, J. Edwin
505 Scanlan Building
Houston, Texas

Stroud, Mrs. Tommie
3225 Maple Avenue
Waco, Texas

Sytz, Miss Florence
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Thomas, Judge L E
1035 N. W. Second Ave.
Miami, Florida

Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount
Lewisburg
Tennessee

Turnipseed Rev. A. S.
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

Weiss, Morton
182 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Williams, Paul D.
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Young, Thomas W.
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

April 5, 1955

Mr. Bill Denton
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bill:

The two German editors were deeply grateful for all of your kindness to them on Friday afternoon. They drank in what you told them and said that they were richly taught by the afternoon.

Lucky business all around for them, and mighty good of you to take the time for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

April 5, 1955

TO: FBR

I would appreciate it if you would draft, for my signature, letters to each of the other states, letters not included in this batch, reviewing our understanding of how much they will have to raise before September 30, 1955. Consult Katherine Stoney.

GSM/eab

re fund-raising

April 5, 1955

Mr. Robert C. L. George
The Council Against Discrimination
of Greater Chicago
187 North LaSalle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. George:

I am most grateful for the travel check. And it is kind of you to plan to send us $50.00 when you can. Each check is quite a help to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 5, 1955

Mrs. Iola Jones
711 Oakland Avenue
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

While you and I were corresponding, Mrs. Maise wrote me and said that they still wanted me, but that there wasn't any way to help pay the expenses.

I do think that if you can scrap up some contribution toward the expense it would be right.

I will hope that it will be possible for the Region to pay one-third of the cost down to Daytona Beach and back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 5, 1955

TO: GTH

If you will give me some memo that the packet end of this is understood and is to go through, I will write Mrs. Dagen praisingly.

GSM

GSM/eab

April 5, 1955

Mr. Melvin J. Fox
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Fox:

I expect to be in New York Friday, April 15th.

Could I come to see you, and if so, when?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Staff.

I learn from the Austin, Tex. telephone exchange that the office no. for the T. C. R. R has been changed from 7-8819 to

6-3150

GSM.

Apr 5. 55

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

April 4, 1955

Mr. Lee Coleman
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Coleman:

We are grateful for the wise planning which asked you to be at the Knoxville meeting, and we will appreciate your kindness in attending it at SRC expense.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc:CHP

April 5, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I note that in a letter George Mitchell wrote you on April 1st, he suggested that I go to a state meeting in South Carolina on April 13th and after checking my calendar it seems that it will be possible. Would you please sit thee doon and write me a hasty note, air mail, telling me where the meeting is taking place, at what time it will convene and what y'all are gonna talk about.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

April 5, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

Mrs. Hamilton wrote out as enclosed. Fine idea all around. Warm praises for it, and for check, and for KCHR and MWD and the works.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

April 5, 1955

Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky
President
The Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc.
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

How very kind indeed that was of the Sidney Hillman Foundation to send us $200. Truth to tell, I had been clear in and had held to my undertaking not to ask the Sidney Hillman Foundation to help SRC this year.

What I had understood was that the precedent of aid from the Sidney Hillman Foundation to us on a non-project basis was a source of some difficulty to the Sidney Hillman Foundation. So what I did was write to you as President of the Amalgamated itself and express the hope that the Amalgamated would help us.

But in any case, the $200 is a most welcome contribution to our needs, and we are exceedingly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt

Florida Meeting - April 1, 1955 - Jacksonville

The meeting was held in the Urban League offices. Present were Dr. Paul F. Finner, chairman; Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Starr, Mr. Burney, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Armwood.

The purpose of the meeting was to screen candidates for the job of executive secretary of the Florida Council on Human Relations and all of these people except Mr. Armwood were members of the Executive Committee. Five candidates went through a thorough screening process by this committee. Their qualifications and a vita sheet on each was submitted to the group prior to the candidates being interviewed. Those being interviewed were then asked about their commitments to an integrated society, to how secure they would feel in working toward integration in the public schools as early as the Fall of 1955, what their experiences had been in the field of human relations and what they would do in a hypothetical situation that was presented to them.

Confidential information on the candidates also was supplied from a variety of sources: university placement bureaus, letters of recommendation and personal references contacts by Mrs. Starr and Dr. Finner. The group chose Walter Thorwald to be the Executive Secretary and plans to seek and employ a qualified Negro associate director at equal salary.

All in all, the committee understood what it was doing, had in mind what qualifications a director should have and acted in a mature way. My only question is the rapidity of the decision to hire a person for the position. I think this can best be explained by the fact that everybody had the feeling that valuable time was flitting away when they should be active, and that they found the man in Thorwald who met the criteria they had established for the position and who in my judgement will do an effective job.

Frederick B. Routh

FBR/rnf
4/5/55

April 5, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear The Davidsons:

All Davidsons (Daytona Beach variety) are kindness itself.

I can't get this run figured out. I get in in the late morning, rush to a luncheon, make an early afternoon speech, and then PROPOSE to get on a northbound train at 5:58 or so. BUT, they say trains aren't running. I chose the train because I'm going to have been up at the crack of dawn that morning, in Mississippi, and shall want to sleep.

I think the best thing is to let me call the office at the paper about noon-time, and leave word as to what seems to be happening to me. If there is an hour in the late afternoon, and there should be, you may expect me to do all I can to spend it peacefully near your flowers.

But I dare not count on a dinner engagement, for fear the train will run, or if not it then a plane.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP

April 5, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Dr. Finner:

Confirming our phone conversation of this afternoon, the Atlanta offices approves of the selection by the Florida Council of Walter E. Thorwald as Executive Secretary. It is our understanding that present when the decision to hire him was made were yourself, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Starr, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Armwood.

We are extremely pleased with the group's idea to look for and employ a qualified Negro as Associate Director. It is our belief that a bi-racial staff is highly important. It is important to note that this person must be paid the same salary as the Executive Secretary and that the two will work as a team in the state. I am sure that in the state of Florida sufficient finances will be found to undertake this project. Actually there are sufficient funds for the rest of this year in the current budget. But certainly Florida will have to raise additional funds to maintain the proposed staff next year. All of us here look with extreme favor on this movement on the part of Florida.

I was very much impressed with the screening processes through which you put the candidates and I must say that you wound up with a pretty comprehensive picture of their potentialities.

If there is help I can be to you at any time, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

Dictated April 4

April 5, 1955

Miss Ruth B. Robinson
Editor, Town and Country Church
Division of Home Missions
National Council of Churches
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Robinson:

The April, 1955, issue carried, to our gratitude, the item I did for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Town and Country Commission of the Methodist Church, last summer. Nice to see it thus circulated.

The notelet on the first page, "In this Issue" identified me as "connected with the Southern Regional Conference of the Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia." Actually I am employed by the Southern Regional Council, with offices in Atlanta. This is an independent body, having membership from all faiths, and the Methodist Church is in no way sharing policy direction over us. We like Methodists, and they help us in many ways, (as do people of a variety of religious groups), but there isn't any organizational connection.

I wouldn't expect the matter to crop up, but for your office files I set it straight.

Here's a leaflet about SRC!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

bc: Mr. James Sells

4/5/55

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER BY CO-CHAIRMAN OF KENTUCKY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
RE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS
March 17, 1955

* * *

1. The importance of the Education Committee. Anyone who has followed the story of the Southern Regional Council knows that the genius of the group has been its emphasis upon the educational approach. It has not been an action group in the sense of aggressively trying to force issues by legal means, controversy with newspaper editors or other dramatic attempts. Many of its members, sympathetic to the action approach, have worked through organizations set up to meet the need for action but not as members of the Southern Regional Council. I think that now, particularly since the law is on our side, we in the Kentucky Council of Human Relations should think of ourselves as educators rather than as agents of social action interested in getting quick results no matter what else may happen. If this be the proper interpretation, then the role of the Education Committee is of great importance.

2. Relation with the Committee on Community Consultants. Basically, the consultants in their conversations with people in various communities are educators who try to lead people into a clearer analysis of their local situation and to help them in their search for proposed measures. They have no magic formula which they are trying to sell as though it were toothpaste or no mandate which they are trying to force upon an unwilling populace. Thus the consultants should in one sense be looked upon as an era of the Education Committee and their program geared in with the overall plans of this Committee.

3. We should not become a Louisville-centered organization. In a sense, Louisville, through the Urban League, the NCCJ, and the NAACP, is already outfitted with groups which seek to work against racial discrimination. Both because we are later on the scene as a Council and are organized for state-wide service, I think that most of our energy should be devoted to helping communities where no local help is available. The Education Committee should keep this in mind in planning its work. This means that the Louisville office will have to overcompensate, in a sense, to work through consultants and others in areas outside Louisville.

4. Education should be a cooperative undertaking. No chosen or self-appointed group has all of the truth. Accordingly, wherever possible there should be an effort made to work with other groups which would be mutually interested in some projected workshop or other phase of our program. Our purpose is not to glorify, advertise, or aggressively publicize the Kentucky Council on Human Relations; we are working to increase interracial understanding. We must be careful not to bring about organizational misunderstanding with other groups or we set up roadblocks to our important objective of interracial understanding.

5. The involvement of the whole Council. The decisions of the Education Committee, it seems to me, should be circulated to the whole Council for comment and as little use as possible should be made of the small Executive Committee. If a decision has to be taken by the small Committee the whole Council should

be notified of it at once so that any person whose name appears on the letterhead can give adequate explanation to anyone making inquiries. Nothing would kill this whole undertaking more quickly than to have a few around the central office "in the know" and the rest "going along for the ride." Certain matters of tactics, as well as of strategy, should be discussed widely before the consultants or executive staff embark upon them. Whatever is done should be done in the spirit of the long history and general reputation of the Southern Regional Council.

6. Education is not gradualism in the outworn sense of the term. There are times in the history of interracial relations when action is most urgently needed, but it is hard for one organization to combine successfully in so touchy a field both the action and the educational functions. Education, which seems slow at first, just as sowing seed is slow, can result in cumulative, snow-ball results which are sometimes more dramatic than would have been a series of stubborn stands. Thus, in concentrating upon the educational aspects we are not defaulting but are rather doing the best job we can along the avenue open to us and in the faith that in time small efforts now put forth will be multiplied many-fold. The two races will be living in the South for centuries to come; we need to build bridges of understanding even more than drawing up battlefields. The Kentucky Council of Human Relations should specialize in bridge-building and get some of these bridges erected as quickly as possible in many Kentucky communities or help strengthen those in need of repair. The Education Committee has a noble task ahead.

rnf
4/5/55

April 6, 1955

Rev. John C. Fuller
First Unitarian Church
Central at Rosalind
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am rather embarrassed to receive your letter before I have written to you to thank you for the delightful experience you gave to me in giving me the privilege of sharing in the Thomas Jefferson Conference.

Thank you so much for the check which I have turned over to the treasurer of the Southern Regional Council to be used in the work with church women.

I appreciate the splendid work that you are doing in leading the way not only for Unitarians but for other church groups to become interracial churches.

With the best of wishes to you as a pioneer in interracial church work in our South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 6, 1955

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Board of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Miss Jenkins:

First of all, I want to thank you for sharing with me the reaction of your Presbyterian women who were at our conference on February 24th and 25th. I also appreciate your letter of April 4 which I have just received.

I certainly didn't expect you to read all that was in the packet. I sent it to you that you might see what I have sent to all of those in attendance. If at any time you have something special from your own Board, or something that may fall into your hands, that would be well to be sent to the conference women, I would appreciate your letting me have the material so that I might send it to them.

Deeply appreciative of your cooperation and help through the years, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:raf

April 6, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

Here is a matter in which there needs to be agreement between the Florida Council on Human Relations and the Southern Regional Council. It is a question of the sum of money which the Florida Council will need to raise before September 30, 1955, in order to qualify for assistance from SRC for the fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955.

It will be remembered that in Memorandum #1, SRC undertook to provide assistance in a first period ending September 30, 1955, of about $13,200 to each state, expecting each state to employ staff about October 1, 1954. At the same time it was made clear that it would be necessary for each state to raise on its own (before September 30, 1955) at least $1800.

Obviously, Florida does not intend to get underway with paid staff until April 15th or May 1st.

Obvious, also, that this should reduce Florida's obligation to raise money on its own.

$1800 divided by twelve is $150. Florida then will be required to raise five times $150 (five months period, May through September), or $750 before September 30, 1955. It ought to be remembered also that SRC has expended from its allotment for the operation of the Florida Council approximately $400. This comprises travel at the request of the Florida Council by Fred Routh, and the expenses of the various committee gatherings. If you could raise another $50 to $100, that amount would offset what has already been spent from your allotment.

In any case, we would like the Florida Council to make a clear commitment now to raise at least $750 before September 30, 1955. And it would be well if the amount could be $800 or $850.

Renewal of our aid for the coming fiscal year is necessarily conditioned upon the raising of the stipulated amount from each state council.

It will, of course, be recalled that what we expect to be in position to give you in the next fiscal year is $10,500 and it will be necessary for Florida to raise in that fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, $3,500, if we are to help you again after October 1, 1956.

What you collect in dues (including the $2.00 from each dues payment that come in to SRC as subscription to New South) and contributions to the Florida Council would be the ordinary sources for your raising the sums agreed.

I will be grateful if you will write me that you clearly understand that the Florida Division has this obligation to raise at least $750 before September 30, 1955. (Assuming you begin with paid staff about May 1.) You ought to do more if you can, of course. The money does not come to us in any case; it stays in your own treasury.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR

April 6, 1955

Mr. John D. Connors
Director of Education
American Federation of Labor
American Federation of Labor Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Your Report for 1954 is a beautiful job; encouraging and forward-looking in every way. Especial praise for the items on pp. 22 and 39 on the Supreme Court decision.

I noticed that Toronto had a Fair Practices Conference (October 31, 1954). Sounds interesting. Can you tell me a little about how they did it, and what they discussed, and so on? I have in the back of my head working out an arrangement under which our Southern Regional Council could offer to help staff and supply material for any Southern organized-labor groups who might wish to open that problem.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 6, 1955

Mrs. M. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Generally speaking we like your budget plan 1 (in your letter of March 30); but I would like to check it over with you personally before we lock it. In any case we do not claim a right to approve a state group's budget in every detail, ahead of time.

Remind me to review the budget matter.

Many thanks for your wire. If I am to spend the night delighted to stay with the Lyells, but that's crazy for anybody to be up and stirring at 2 a.m.

Will be grateful for being met on the to-Jackson flight 403.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

cc: CHP
FBR

April 6, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

What we call the ordinary fiscal arrangement is with the states which took on paid staff beginning October 1, 1954. We have been making available to those states a sum on the order of $13,200, and they obligated themselves from the beginning to raise, before September 30, 1955, a minimum of $1800 toward their whole budget.

Next year we give something less and they raise something more.

In the case of the several states getting started with paid staff later than October 1st, it seems to us that the amount required to be raised should be reduced pro rata month for month. One-twelfth of $1800 is $150. Therefore it seems to us that Virginia should raise at least $150 for each month after it takes on paid staff, and before September 30, 1955. Thus, for example, assuming you took on paid staff in Virginia May 1st, Virginia will have to produce on its own $750 before September 30, 1955.

What you take in in dues (including the $2.00 for each dues payment that comes on to us as subscription to New South), and contributions to the Virginia Council, would comprise the sum you would have to raise.

Again, the money does not come to us; we merely need to be shown that you raised it. You keep it in your own treasury and spend it for your own budget. And the more you raise this year the more you have left over for next year's budget.

Please write me that you understand this arrangement, and that the Virginia Council will expect to adhere to it.

We cannot assist Virginia in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, unless the appropriate sum has been raised by Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 6, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the Alabama Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

April 6, 1955

Reverend G. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

April 6, 1955

Reverend Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR

April 6, 1955

Reverend Leon Russell
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR

April 6, 1955

Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foster:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc
: CHP
HBR

April 6, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations would receive for the fiscal year 1 October, 1954-30 September, 1955, a sum of $13,200 and would be required to raise $1800 as a minimum. We have consequently written saying that monies would be paid to your organization on a pro-rata basis for the actual months of operation with professional staff. Also, we said that you would have to raise money on a pro-rata basis.

In the case of Texas your organization will have operated for eleven months at the terminal date of the first fiscal year of assistance. Eleven-twelfths of $1800 is $1650 and you must (by September 30, 1955) have raised at least that amount to be eligible for a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year when we propose a basic allotment to each state of $10,500.

Please write me a confirming reply that this arrangement is understood by the Texas Council on Race Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

April 6, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations would receive for the fiscal year 1 October, 1954-September 30, 1955, a sum of $13,200 and would be required to raise $1800 as a minimum. We have consequently written saying that monies would be paid to your organization on a pro-rata basis for the actual months of operation with professional staff. Also, we said that you would have to raise money on a pro-rata basis.

In the case of Mississippi your organization will have operated for nine months at the terminal date of the first fiscal year of assistance. Nine-twelfths of $1800 amounts to $1350 and you must raise that amount to be eligible for a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year when we can allot to each state a sum of $10,500.

Please write me a confirming reply that this arrangement is understood by the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

April 6, 1955

The Clerk
The House Committee on Agriculture
U. S. Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I should be grateful for your kindness in sending me a copy of the Hearings on HR 3822.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/

April 6, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

Somebody is hauling me up to Washington on April 13th, and I thought I would just push on up to New York and be there Friday, April 15th. No very special business, but I will hope that there will be time that morning when you and I can check progress.

Unless I hear otherwise, I will do the usual, and call your office about opening of business Friday, the 15th, and see what the young ladies say.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 6, 1955

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Rothschild:

This morning's mail brought a letter from Mr. Vorspan ordering 700 copies of Answers for Action. We are delighted.

In his letter he said he hoped that there would be early opportunity when he and I could confer on problems about the schools. I have written him that I expect to be in New York about April 15th, and will pay him a visit.

We continue in gratitude for your kindness in helping to work this out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

bc: Mr. Morris Abram

*New South:
Oct-Nov, 1953
May-June, 1951
August, 1952
July, 1950
Augugt, 1954
April-May, 1954
January, 1954
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March-April, 1953
Changing Patterns
Answers for Action
Equal job Opportunity is good business - Pres. Com. on Gov't Contracts
National Urban League ~~Bulletin~~ reprint from Business Week, 12/18/54
Negro Police in the South, 1954 (mimeod.)

April 6, 1955

Mr. Williams Poe — Progressive farmer
Insurance Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Poe:

I hasten to send you some of the things we have in print. *

I have been reading your items with much interest.

Warmest regards to Mr. Poe and to Larue.

Tip: Mayes Behrman does a job in Greensboro for the American Friends Service Committee. They call it the Job Opportunities Project. He is really negotiating agreement, Quaker-wise, on new type employment for Negroes in the Greensboro area. He has his feet on the ground and is doing a solid job with fresh and local thinking into it. My guess is that it will be quite worth your while to have him over to Raleigh to tell you what he is doing, for a better chance at jobs is a key to continuing improvement.

To me the basic factor in the whole matter is the status of the Negro in Southern agriculture. If he had more land ownership and many more long-term written leases, and if he saw a tolerably secure and appreciated effort for himself in Southern farming, then I think all the problems of the next couple of decades would be much much easier to solve. Take a look at the map in the back of the pamphlet called Answers for Action: Schools in the South. The burden of the whole problem is to bring about in those orange and brown colored counties an understanding of Negroes as persons, instead of as hands. And I believe the basis for such an understanding is there.

Clarence Poe's stand for peace is one of the sheet-anchors of civilization.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

* Under separate cover this date.

April 6, 1955

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

How very kind that is of you to order the 700 copies of Answers for Action. They are being sent up to you right away, in accordance with my letter to you of March 31st.

I expect to be in New York Friday April 15th, and if you have the time available in the afternoon, I would be glad if you would save me half an hour or so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 6, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

We have for decision the matter of the sum that the Kentucky Council on Human Relations will need to raise on its own before September 30, 1955, in order to qualify for renewal of aid from the Southern Regional Council for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955.

The states that began with paid staff in the normal manner, October 1, 1954, took on an obligation to raise at least $1800 each.

We are calculating our assistance to the Kentucky Council on a basis of ten months aid and not twelve months. That is to say that we have set December 1, 1954 as your beginning date. One-twelfth of $1800 is $150. Therefore, Kentucky ought to raise ten times $150, or $1500, before September 30, 1955.

What you take in in dues, including the $2.00 per member sent on to us as subscription to New South will count against the $1500. So, also, do contributions to the Kentucky Council. You do not send in the $1500to us; it all stays in Kentucky and applies itself against your budget. The same thing applies to anything in excess of $1500, which you spend this year or save to help you next year.

Do write me that you have reviewed this matter with your Finance Committee, and that it is clearly understood that the Kentucky Council has to show us by September 30, 1955 that it has raised $1500 at least.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR

April 6, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

We have been talking about what requirement should be made of the states that got started with paid staff after October 1, 1954, in the way of their own fund-raising. The problem is to meet on a pro-rata basis month for month the obligation of each state to produce on its own a sum proportionate to the $1800 that each state which began with paid staff October 1, 1954, is required to raise.

One-twelfth of $1800 is $150. So we expect that each state getting going with paid staff will raise before September 30, 1955 at least $150 for each month of operation with paid staff.

Thus, if you begin with paid staff May 1st, the Tennessee Council's obligation would be $750, to be raised before September 30, 1955. The money doesn't come to us; it stays in your treasury, and helps you meet your budget. The same with any money you raise above $750. What you take in in dues (including the $2.00 for each dues payment that comes in to us as subscription to New South), and contributions to the Tennessee Council will comprise your intake.

Please write me a confirming reply that the Tennessee Council's obligation to raise at least $150 per month of operation with paid staff is clearly understood.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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CHP

April 6, 1955

Mrs. James Beach
3852 Drury Drive
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Beach:

As you will remember, it was decided that state meetings should follow the February 24th-25th Conference of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

We have set the date for the Georgia meeting for Friday, April 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Whitfield Auditorium, Wesley Memorial Church, in Atlanta.

Not only do we hope that you will be present but we're asking you torrush to us the names of people who are on your committee in the state so that invitations may be sent to them.

At the lunch hour on the 22nd, as we did at All Saints Church, you may have these key women of yours to meet together with you.

I would appreciate a reply by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rmf

April 6, 1955

Mrs. L.J. Bahin
410 Rugby Street
College Park, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bahin:

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Mrs. Isabel R. Butterfield
1741 Cornel Road
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. V.M. Grimsley
2640 Peachtree Rd., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. B.E. Mays
820 Fair Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. W.W. Weatherspool
1475 Ezra Church Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. Rufus E. Clement
691 Beckwith Street
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Clement:

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April 6, 1955

Mrs. J.E. Alford
Covington, Ga.

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Mrs. D. Baker Smith
Milledgeville, Ga.

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Mrs. Van P. Enloe
2570 Coronet Way, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. J.O. Cobb
241 Brown Avenue
Smyrna, Ga.

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April 6, 1955

Dear:

For your information, this letter has been sent to all of the regular Board members who are not either members of the Executive Committee, or officers of the Council, or chairmen of state organizations, or ex-officio members of SRC's Board, elected by the state organizations.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

An original of this letter to:

Morris Abram
Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
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Leonard Haas

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Southern Re[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[illegible]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear

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Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

REC/GSM:eab

Elected
/Ex-Officio Board members

April 7, 1955

Dear:

The enclosed has gone out to the members of SRC's Board of Directors. It was not sent to members of SRC's Executive Committee, or to its officers, or to the chairmen of state organizations, or to ex-officio members of SRC's Board such as yourself elected by the state organizations, except as a matter of information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

TO:

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April 7, 1955

Mrs.Harold Goldin
Rockmart, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Goldin:

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We trust you will find it entirely possible to be with us. An immediate reply will be greatly appreciated.

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Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 7, 1955

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 38, New York

Dear George:

Here's Marion Wright's speech, entirely available for any re-use you will make of it. We thought it excellent, and I hear it went well in New Orleans.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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April 7, 1955

Mrs. Reeves Jarrell
Greenville, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Jarrell:

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Mrs. Robert Taylor
Fayetteville, Georgia

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Cornelia, Georgia

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Dalton, Georgia

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Mrs. Albert Dozier
R. # 5
Thomson, Georgia

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Reverend G. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

I am caught in my own red tape!

Yesterday's letter re funds was part of a general action, and it was careless of me to send you, for the Georgia Committee, a reminder of other peoples' obligations. For the Georgia Committee as we both know has already surpassed by a lot the 1800 spoken of in the letter. And all praise to all of you for putting that through!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 7, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thanks for April 6th letter.

One glossy and four mats coming separately.

Will be there all day April 30.

Please save me a room the night of April 29th, preferably at the St. Charles. Cheapest they'll do.

Who's who dope herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 7, 1955

Mr. Boyd Campbell
Chamber of Commerce
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Most kind of you to write and send me a copy of your wire to the Asheville Times

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 7, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I am honored and dearly tempted by your postcard, but the run over is a most hurried one. Mrs. Lyells asked me to come and talk to a woman's group Friday evening. I have to be in Daytona Beach the next afternoon early for another group, so all I can do is fly over to Jackson, fly back in the dawnings of Saturday, fly on down to Daytona, and do my best to survive.

Would that I could be part of your Passover.

I will think of you both as I come into your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 7, 1955

Mrs. J.W. Toney
Melville Avenue
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Toney:

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We trust you will find it entirely possible to be with us. An immediate reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 7, 1955

Mrs. E.W. McGlamery
1549 Beecher St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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1359 Springdale Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. Harry Gershon
1590 Harvard Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. Eva B. Parks
502 Rockwell Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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1506 Kay Lane, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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710 East 58th Street
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Mrs. Kurt Schid
789 Pinewood Drive
Macon, Georgia

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April 7, 1955

Mrs. Paul Pfuetz
710 Oglethorpe Ave.
Athens, Ga.

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April 11, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
2106 Nueces Street
Austin 6, Texas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

At a meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida, the other day, of those present at the National Council of Negro Women meeting coming from the Southern Region II, I had the pleasure of sitting next to Mrs. Gwendolyn Floyd of Little Rock, at luncheon. She will be helpful to you, and I hope you will, when opportunity offers, make her acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 11, 1955

Mr. William B. Lipphard
Executive Secretary
The Associated Church Press
152 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Lipphard:

I will be Johnny-on-the-spot for the Wednesday morning, April 13, session.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 11, 1955

Dr. Alvin D. Loving
Principal
Northrup School
Melvin & Frazier Streets
River Rouge 18, Michigan

Dear Dr. Loving:

That was most gracious of the University of Michigan Summer Workshop to invite me to appear August 3rd. I would have been delighted but, unfortunately, I have promised the days of August 2-4, to a seminar which the Methodist Church women are having in New York.

So I am sunk. I am pretty sure I would have contrived to be with you had the dates been free.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Dr. Fred Walcott

April 11, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

The plane fare to Jackson and back came to $51.26. My additional expenses were $1.65 for bus fare and meals.

If you will do whatever is needful with the people who arranged the Alpha Kappa Alpha meeting, I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

April 11, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lyells:

You were both kindness itself to me, and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 11, 1955

Mr. Jacob Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

That was mighty kind of you and Mrs. Reddix to come and be present Friday evening. You have to spend your life going to meetings, and I know at what cost in groans one goes to another. But I greatly enjoyed the glimpse of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 11, 1955

Mr. Warren Gauerke
Associate Professor
Division of Teacher Education
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gauerke:

I send you separately some items that should be helpful.

Mrs. Hamilton thinks that your group will be further along if you begin to dig out the local facts yourselves. You have got a church from whose memberships you can draw people of both races, and our best notion would be that you could use your own people and together draw up the local facts.

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An original of this letter to:
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Milton Vigo
Mrs. Lyells
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Mrs. Spearman
Mr. Finner

April 11, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The man at the head of the Department of the Rural Church at Drew Seminary in Madison, New Jersey, is a devoted and informed person, of Southern background. He has put out three excellent pamphlets, copies of which I am sending to you.

We can play a part in strengthening the rural churches, and in firming their purposes. I hope that reading the booklets will strike sparks in your mind, and give you hints as to helpful things to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: GTH

April 12, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Four or five days ago I went out to the Montag Paper factory and talked with Morton Weiss, who had promised Morris that he, Weiss, would become our Treasurer. Weiss was most courteous to me and we had a helpful talk about the future finances of the Council.

He agreed to come to a preliminary planning meeting toward a full Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 3:30 in this office; himself, and the people listed in my letter to you of March 3rd as suitable for an Atlanta committee. Over my signature, but as authorized by you, I asked each of those Atlanta persons to come to the Atlanta meeting.

Object will be to talk about the best way to set up a Finance Committee for all over the South. Happily, I have been able to Weiss and one or two others that so far as the current fiscal year goes (up until September 30, 1955) we have no racking problems. We are required by the Fund for the Republic to raise $40,000. We have already raised $37,500 and will get the rest. We are four or five thousand dollars short of enough to see the central office through its predicted expenditures to September 30, but I think we will get that. So that the problem now is to plan for drawing in the $55,000 next fiscal year, and the $65,000 the year after.

If circumstances will let you come down for the May 3rd meeting, it would be helpful to have you here. But it is not so needful that I feel justified in asking you to strain things greatly at "Top Knot" in order to come. But, if without great strain, you can be here, do please come.

This is the only step I have taken on the Finance Committee matter, except that I have got our people in Louisiana and Texas making up lists of suitable names for Ashmore and Carter to be in touch with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/gsh

April 12, 1955

Mr. George E. Goodwin
930 Dean Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I am substituting in the letter for our Council President, Marion Wright, who would scribe it himself were he not aloft on a mountaintop in North Carolina.

We want you to consider being some part of a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council.

Morton Weiss, out at Montags, has agreed to serve as Treasurer of SRC. He will be present at a meeting here, Tuesday afternoon, May 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. -- SRC's office at 63 Auburn Avenue. I have asked nine Board member of SRC, who happen to live in Atlanta and who would be interested in this matter, to meet with it. Also Ed Vinson who isn't on the Board, but who has agreed to serve. Also George Goodwin who isn't on the Board, but whom we asked to serve.

The problem is nothing severe this year. In order to obtain next year's grant from the Fund for the Republic we have to show that we have raised, before September 30, 1955, $40,000. We have already raised $37,500 of it, and the rest will come. We need a few more thousand to patch up the Budget for this year, but we are not on the rack. However, between this coming October and the one in 1956, we have to put together $55,000, which is going to strain us.

Truth is this show deserves and should get a good deal more actual Southern support than it has ever had in the past.

The others whom I am asking in for the first meeting May 3rd are Morris Abram, Rufus Clement, Leonard Haas, Philip Hammer, Mr. Mays, Mr. Milton, Mr. Richards, Morton Weiss, and Miss Josephine Wilkins, besides yourself and Ed Vinson.

We intend to set up a Finance Committee that reaches all over the South, but we want some advice first out of our near friends in Atlanta.

Appreciate it a lot if you will come May 3rd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mr. Warren Gauerke
Division of Teacher Education
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Mr. Gauerke:

In reply to your letter of April 9th, I am sending you under separate cover the gleanings from a meeting recently held by church women leaders of the South here in Atlanta. In it you might find some suggestions of activities.

As a rule, my evenings are more or less free and if I can be of any help to your people I would be glad to meet with any of them either in your church or in their homes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 12, 1955

Mrs. E.P. Eyler
209 Gerrard Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Eyler:

Mrs. Donald P. Poole, your president, has advised us of her inability to attend a meeting of church women here on April 22nd so we are asking you as vice-president of the Georgia-Alabama Women's Missionary Society to take her place.

Enclosed is a circular letter that will give you more information. Your expenses of travel and entertainment will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

We would appreciate an immediate reply. I hope you may be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
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Women's Work

MET:rnf
encl.

April 12, 1955

Mrs. Abraham Odess
710 East 58th St.
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Odess:

I hasten to reply to your letter of April 8th to advise you that anyone that you might send will be most welcome at our meeting.

Please advise whom your delegate, or delegates, may be.

I deeply appreciate your letter expressing your concern on the vital issue of integration of schools.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

April 12, 1955

Mrs. R.C. Randle
310 Flint Avenue
Albany, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Randle:

Your card has just been received.

Of course I know the limit of the budget of a conference officer. I need you so much that we can certainly take care of your expenses covering travel, hotel and meals.

Please think again and let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 12, 1955

Mrs. Stewart Colley
Grantville, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Colley:

Thank you so much for your letter telling me that you will be with us on April 22nd.

The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 3:30 p.m. It will be in the Whitfield Auditorium of the Wesley Memorial Church.

Please be thinking of how you can aid in the discussion for I will need you.

Love,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 12, 1955

Mr. Morton Weiss
Montag Paper Company
245 North Highland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weiss:

This confirms our arrangement the other day for a meeting preparatory toward a full Finance Committee. This first meeting to be here at SRC's office at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3rd.

I hope we can finish our business in an hour.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

April 12, 1955

Mr. Bem Price
The Associated Press
Star Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bem:

A good story, nobly done. We particularly liked the way you ended it!

As soon as our slow moving clipping service comes through, we will have some idea of how widely it was run, and I'll let you know in case you're interested. Meanwhile, keep working on that prospect for another Southern swing.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

April 12, 1955

Mr. J.L. LeFlore, Sec.
NAACP (Mobile Branch)
P.O. Box 1091
Mobile 6, Alabama

Dear Mr. LeFlore:

Thank you for your good letter repeating your invitation to me to come to Mobile. I shall be glad to come on May 15th to take part in the meeting on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision.

I shall look forward to hearing from you further on the exact time and place of the meeting and any suggestions you might care to make about the nature of my talk.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Program

HCF/rnf
airmail

April 12, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

We have got a Finance Committee meeting May 3rd. If whatever you are doing toward a list of Texans who might be called by Ashmore could be completed and in by then, it would be helpful. Not absolutely essential, but just helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

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April 12, 1955

Mr. Thomas S.Sutherland
309 West Twenty-First Street
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Dear Tom:

We have a good many useful links with the National Council of Negro Women.

In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. J. B. Buttler, San Antonio; Mrs. Corinne Branford, Temple; Mrs. Lillian M. Downey, Dallas; Mrs. A. E. Etter, Galveston; Mrs. Theo Harris, Houston; and Mrs. Omelia P. Thomas, Huntsville.

When opportunity offers, I think you will find it helpful to be in touch with these ladies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We have a good many useful links with the National Council of Negro Women.

In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Sedalia; and Mrs. Grace Connell Lewis, Greensboro.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 12, 1955

Mr. Guy H. Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

We have a good many useful links with the National Council of Negro Women.

In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. W. A. Scott, Atlanta; Mrs. L. D. Shivery, Atlanta; and Mrs. Clara West, Thomson.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 12, 1955

Mrs. M. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

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In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. Helen Boyd Howard, Mound Bayou; Mrs. Anniebell Huff, Laurel; Mrs. Henrine S. Knaive, Laurel; and Mrs. Arenia Mallory Davis, Lexington.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 12, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

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In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. Viola Ellis, Charleston; Mrs. Icla Jones, Florence; and Mrs. Kathleen Stevens, Charleston.

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2106 Nueces Street
Austin, Texas

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mr. Odom Fanning
2878 Ridgemore Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Odom:

On April 4th we forwarded to Mr. C. W. Greenlea, the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta branch of the NAACP at 204 Auburn Avenue, N. E., your kind donation. I described it to Mr. Greenlea as a donation without membership. In consequence, Mr. Greenlea has not been supplied with your address, and I suppose the NAACP itself, therefore, has no normal means of sending you a receipt for the donation.

I therefore receipt it personally to you.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955
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Mr. C. W. Greenlea
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Greenlea:

One other man sent in $5.00.
Here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl:

Sponsoring $5.00 membership from
Lester H. Persells

April 12, 1955

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I hear nothing from UAW, though I applied for the thousand (late last December for 1955), and sent an audit with a reminder, in February. Can you send a further impulse along the line? I'm about to where I need it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Bradley
132 East Seventy-Fourth St.
New York, New York

Dear Miss Bradley:

I'm duly coming, at 4:00 p.m. the 15th, but that evening I'll fly back to Atlanta, so though I am grateful for the offer of a bed, I'll take a short night with mostly sit-up.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
1579 Parsons Place
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

We have a good many useful links with the National Council of Negro Women.

In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. Ida M. Ross, Minerva.

When opportunity offers, I think you will find it helpful to be in touch with these ladies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 12, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
2106 Nueces Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

We have a good many useful links with the National Council of Negro Women.

In your state we have the following members of its National Committee and Board: Mrs. L. E. Henson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and Mrs. Edna Douglas, Little Rock.

When opportunity offers, I think you will find it helpful to be in touch with these ladies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 13, 1955

Mr. Al Payne
Southern Area Student Council, YMCA
Standard Building
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Payne:

I am returning the Southern Area Student Council list which you so kindly loaned us a couple of weeks ago.

We sent both our February NEW SOUTH issue on desegregation in higher education and Maynard Catchings' article "Desegregation--Can It Come Volumtarily in Church-Related Institutions?" from the January, 1955 INTERCOLLEGIAN to some five hundred student YM and YW presidents and faculty advisors in the Southern region. You will also be interested in knowing that Maynard Catchings got one hundred copies of the February NEW SOUTH to distribute among YM staff (student staff) throughout the country.

We appreciated your check for the NEW SOUTH's.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

encl

April 15, 1955

Dr. A.C. Miller, Ex. Sec.
The Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist
Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

You do not know what joy it gave to me, and will give to the Alabama people tomorrow when they hear, that you said yes to their invitation to be in Birmingham on May 3rd.

All the Protestant denominations, the Jewish and the Catholic women leaders of Alabama will be at this meeting. While it will not be a large group numerically, it is really a powerful group spiritually and most influential in the state.

Mrs. Candler Tatum (2422 15th Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama) is chairman of the meeting and will write you.

From the depths of my heart, I say thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET;rnf

Air Mail April 15, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue S.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Noreen:

In this hurried note I haven't time to express my appreciation of the wonderful day I had yesterday in Birmingham.

This note is to tell you that Dr. A.C. Miller (Executive Secretary, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Room 414, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee) has agreed to be at your meeting. He is expecting to hear from you.

He was on a vacation and the telephone company, as "hard put to" as it is, found him at Kirksville, Kentucky, which had only one telephone at a store and he had to be sent for across a field.

Dr. Clement is tied up in a meeting of his Board of Trustees. I may be able to reach him tommrrow.

Hurriedly,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 15, 1955

Dr. Benjamin Mays, Pres.
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

It's quite a satisfaction to me to know that you will be with us on Friday, April 22nd, in the Whitfield Auditorium (basement) of the Wesley Memorial Church, and lead the noon worship for the church women.

I am sure I told you we are meeting to consider what church women should do in these hours of crisis over the Supreme Court decision on segregated schools. We willneed you at 12 o'clock and you may have thirty minutes or longer if you so wish.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 15, 1955

Dr. Claude Thompson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Those of us who are planning the meeting of church women on next Friday, April 22nd, are rejoicing that you will lead our thinking and will give us the courage to put into practice the convictions we hold.

As I told you the meeting will be in the Whitfield Auditorium, Wesley Memorial Church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and if you reach us by 10:10 it will be alright.

Deeply appreciative not only of this favor but of those shown to me in the past, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 15, 1955

Rev. Roberts Bailey
Grace Episcopal Church
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On Friday of next week the leaders of the church women's groups of Georgia will meet in the Whitfield Auditorium (basement) of the Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of the meeting is to study what church women should do in these hours of crisis over the Supreme Court decision on the schools.

We would appreciate it very much if you would find it possible to be one of our discussion leaders. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m. with luncheon at the church.

As Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Episcopal Church -- a church which has always led out in race relations -- we feel that you would render us a great service. So we hope you will find it entirely possible to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 18, 1955

Miss Gertrude Noar
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Noar:

I am mighty sorry I cannot get to the April 29-30 Conference.

I admire what you and ADL do. And I am sure that we will all benefit greatly from the results of the Conference.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm H. Kaeber
The Atlantan Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kaeber:

Welcome to Atlanta!

I hope you will come over to the Southern Regional Council's office early this afternoon. I can talk with you then, and look forward to it. But late this afternoon I go out to another state and do not get back until after you will have gone.

But others in the office here will be glad to see and help you at any time. Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton and Mr. Harold Fleming would be particularly helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1955

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

We look forward to the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Kaeber, and will be glad to do our best to have them informed and happy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

April 18, 1955

University of Alabama Press
University, Ala.

Gentlemen:

We would like to have a price listing on one hundred reprints of the following item:

Murphy, Jay. "Can Public Schools be Private?" Alabama Law Review, VII (No. 1, Fall, 1954), 48-73

The articles are to be used for a meeting scheduled early in May and we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

Air Mail April 18, 1955

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
Room 209, 121 E. Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I will arrive at the conference, probably driving though that is not certain, but I will be there on time -- fear not.

Dr. C.H. Parrish is arriving at Durham at 12:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 26th, on a flight from Richmond to the Raleigh-Durham Airport. Please advise him immediately (c/o Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky) as to where he is to go to sleep that night.

Thanks for taking care of this. We all like the news release you sent Harold.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Associate Director
for
State Organization

FBR;rnf

April 18, 1955

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Up at State College a Miss Dorothy Dickens has been a Fellow of the Council about from its beginning. Wrote a useful pamphlet for us about eight or nine years ago on health matters.

She wrote in April 10th and said that she would like to have her name removed from the membership list of SRC, and she wishes no more publications from us here or from the Mississippi office. She said that she read the last New South and does not agree with it. Said that she believes in "segregation with equal facilities for Negroes," as the "only practical thing." I have written her as enclosed.

I assume, therefore, that you will cease to cultivate her.

Sorry about these matters, but everybody has to apply the truth as he sees it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 18, 1955

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

I send you with appreciation the list of the twelve new state organizations which we have had a hand in getting going. The first nine have paid executives already at work. The remaining three have volunteer chairmen as yet, though they hover on the brink of engaging staff.

Of course I read, with the greatest interest, Just, Right, & Necessary! The title aptly describes it. It is a careful and convincing piece of work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

The Alabama Council on Human Relations

Reverend Duncan Hunter, Chairman
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Sec.
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations

Mr. Fred Darragh, Chairman
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Nat Griswold
2601 Nueces Street)Date of employment
Austin, Texas 4/15/55

Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

Reverend G. E. Clary, Chairman
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Executive Secretary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Kentucky Council on Human Relations

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Chairman
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. Margaret Dagen, Exec. Sec.
1579 Parsons Place, N. W. - Apt 5
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Louisiana Council on Human Relations

Reverend Albert D'Orlando, Chairman
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Ex. Sec.
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
Room 303
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Mississippi Council on Human Relations

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chairman
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Mrs. M. S. Lyells, Ex. Sec.
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

North Carolina Council on Human Relations

Reverend Leon Russell, Chairman
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
121 East Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

South CarolinaCouncil on Human Relations

Mr. Richard J. Foster, Chairman
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Texas Commission on Race Relations

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Ex. Sec.
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Florida Council on Human Relations

Mr. Herbert Davidson, Chairman
c/o News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Mr. Walter E. Thornald
2201 N. E. Sixth Terrace) appointment
Gainesville, Florida) not yet
) confirmed

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Virginia Council on Human Relations

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, Chairman
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

April 18, 1955

Miss Florence O. Alexander
1120 West Pascagoula Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Alexander:

How very kind indeed that was of the Mississippi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to send over a whole $100.

Actually, my expenses were $52.91. I accept for the Southern Regional Council an honorarium of $25.00 and return to your treasury $22.09.

If you are looking for a good place to put the $22.09, I would suggest the Mississippi Council on Human Relations!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Ruby Lyells
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

April 18, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I wrote Miss Alexander as enclosed.

I am satisfied that the honorarium was to be for us over here, but as you sent more than enough, I sent some back!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1955

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

I wish I could come, but I can't. I have got to be in Kentucky the latter part of the School.

I was in Washington a couple of days ago and talked with Margaret Garrity and gave her every encouragement to go and be part of your School. Do use Milton Vigo. I like that young fellow.

A student YMCA-YWCA group at Baton Rouge had great success with a role-playing skit, going through the motions and discussions of a small meeting of white and Negro church ladies to talk about opening the schools. Maybe that would furnish some instructive amusement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

April 18, 1955

Mr. Charles Mangum, Jr.
510 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Charles:

I would like greatly to read the manuscript for your new book, The Legal Status of the Negro. We all benefited greatly from your earlier one.

I have no means of getting the manuscript published, but I would like to be in position to add my judgement to anybody else's on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1955

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

It continues to be urgent for the Kentucky tax-exemption matter to move ahead.

Quite urgent!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

It seems to me quite all right for you to count on the travel expenses for the Richmond meeting May 9th, being paid by us from the Virginia allocation.

Here are some expense blanks.

Along about now you really ought to get Virginia moving.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - 30 forms.

April 18, 1955

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

Sincerely we are sorry to have your letter of April 11th. This Council has many warm and friendly links with the Methodists, and we were desirous, in inviting you to be on the Board, of recognizing the propriety of following policies which would in ordinary course meet with the approval of the Methodist people.

I respect your view that as circumstance would make it difficult for you to participate actively in policy formation for the Council you prefer not to be on the Board. But we want somebody high in the Methodist Church who will be active in policy.

In any case, we hope you will be our friend, and will, from time to time, help us in the South as a whole and in your own Conference to do and say what will be useful and constructive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

April 18, 1955

Mr. William B. Lipphard
Executive Secretary
Associated Church Press
152 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Lipphard:

You and all of the others were extremely kind to me the other morning, for my part in the Conference.

I do not know of any American audience which can do as much to have this country come out of this matter on the right side.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated April 18)

April 18, 1955

Miss Dorothy Dickens
State College,
Mississippi

Dear Miss Dickens:

We are sorry to lose you because you have been associated with the Council a goodish while. And I know how useful and helpful on many occasions you have been.

But of course we will remove your name from the list of Fellows which, I believe, it has been carried on. And I will write the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and say that you are not in agreement with them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS
Mrs. M. J. Lyells

April 18, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

All we would need here is evidence that your office raised for its own purposes the $1800.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

April 18, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

By our records the ex-officio member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, chosen by the Texas Commission on Race Relations, is Mrs. Nannie Belle Aycox, elected in the Fall of 1954.

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

The chairmen of state organizations are on the Board of SRC as long as they are chairmen, and "ex-officio members elected by their affiliated state organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof," (Article II, Section 1B).

If we have incorrectly recorded your ex-officio elected member of SRC's Board, and the date of election, let us know. If we are right, please confirm. If you have no one elected, please attend to the matter at the next available proper meeting of your group and notify us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland

April 18, 1955

Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foster:

By our records the ex-officio member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, chosen by the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, is Mrs. Marion Paul, elected in the Fall of 1953.

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Eugene Spearman

April 18, 1955

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

By our records the ex-officio member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, chosen by the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, is Dr. Irwin T. Sanders.

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Margaret Hagen

April 18, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

By our records the ex-officio member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, chosen by the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, is Dr. Elsie Lewis.

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc

April 18, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

By our records the ex-officio member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, chosen by the Alabama Council on Human Relations, is Mr. C. G. Gomillion.

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization,"(Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Robert E. Hughes

April 18, 1955

Reverend Leon Russell
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

By our records, no ex-officio member has as yet been elected from the North Carolina Council on Human Relations to SRC's Board. (Though of course you, as chairman, are already ex-officio a member of SRC's Board.)

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the SRC is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

April 18, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

By our records, no ex-officio member has as yet been elected from the Virginia Council on Human Relations to SRC's Board. (though of course you, as chairman, are already ex-officio a member of SRC's Board.)

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

By our records, no ex-officio member has as yet been elected from the Mississippi Council on Human Relations to SRC's Board. (Though of course you, as chairman, are already ex-officio a member of SRC's Board.)

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the SRC is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. M. J. Lyells

April 18, 1955

Reverend Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

By our records, no ex-officio member has as yet been elected from the Louisiana Council on Human Relations to SRC's Board. (Though of course you, as chairman, are already ex-officio a member of SRC's Board.)

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the SRC is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo

April 18, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

By our records, no ex-officio member has as yet been elected from the Florida Council on Human Relations to SRC's Board. (Though of course you, as chairman, are already ex-officio a member of SRC's Board.

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the SRC is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Walter Thorwald

April 18, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

By our records, no ex-officio member has as yet been elected from the Arkansas Council on Human Relations to SRC's Board. (Though of course you, as chairman, are already ex-officio a member of SRC's Board.)

You recall that under SRC's by-laws each state organization affiliated with the SRC is expected to choose two persons to serve as members of SRC. These "two persons from each affiliated state organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization," (Article II, Section 1A2).

The chairmen of state organizations are on the Board of SRC as long as they are chairmen, and "ex-officio members elected by their affiliated state organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof," (Article II, Section 1B).

If we are right, please confirm. If you have no one elected, please attend to the matter at the next available proper meeting of your group, and notify us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Nat Griswold

April 19, 1955

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Pres.
Morgan State College
Baltimore 12, Maryland

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

Thank you for your letter of April 7th pointing out the ommission of Morgan State College and Dover State College from the list of desegregated institutions in the February issue of New South. We shall see that these institutions are added to the cumulative list.

With appreciation for your interest and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 19, 1955

Miss Grace E. Marr
Assistant Executive Secretary
American Nurses' Assoc., Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Miss Marr:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter concerning the February issue of New South.

We will be happy to have you make free use of Guy Johnson's article "New Ways on the Campus," and any other material appearing in New South. Since the New South version of the article was fully cleared with the Journal of Negro Education and Dr. Johnson, I don't think there would be any question of your needing their permission to reproduce it.

Dr. Mitchell sends his best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 19, 1955

Mr. Robert S. Kieve
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for bringing our material to the attention of Dr. Hammond. If that's bureaucracy, I'm for it. Naturally, we'd like to work with Dr. Hammond in any way that would be helpful to the information program.

You might be interested to know that we are performing something of an international relations function. We get a steady stream of foreign visitors traveling in the country under private or governmental exchange programs, and we devote a lot of time to interpreting the Southern scene to them, with emphasis on the positive aspects of race relations in the South.

You can be sure that I will jump at the next opportunity to be in Washington for a get-together. Meanwhile, let me know (or ask Dr. Hammond to) any time the Council can usefully tie in with your work.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 19, 1955

Mrs. Louis I. Jaffe
7440 Pinecroft Lane
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

It was very nice to hear from you and to learn that you were responsible for the very fine issue of the Newssheet. I agree that it deserves a wider audience.

If you haven't done so, I suggest that you send a copy to the Virginia correspondent of the Southern School News, Mr. Overton Jones, editorial writer, Richomnd Times-Dispatch, and to the editor of Southern School News, Mr. C.A. McKnight, P.O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. This is the sort of careful local survey that should interest them.

I had thought, too, that we might take some notice of your findings in an early issue of New South, if that meets with your approval. It would probably be a brief summary, rather than a report in detail, since that would best meet the interest of a regional audience.

With all good wishes to you and to the members of the Women's Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 19, 1955

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

I hope Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Tilly, Miss Stoney, and you, will explore the desirability and feasibility of a kind of review-on-the-spot state by state of the progress and need of the various state organizations.

gsm

cc: GTH
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April 19, 1955

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
Lakemoore Apartments
Apartment 323C,
Lakemoore Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morton:

We appreciate your two communications, one the letter of April 15th, and the other that contributed the $100 in reply to Mr. Clement's letter.

I was aware that there would be some complications in your serving as Treasurer, but I had hoped that they would prove unfounded. But, in any case, the matter is for discussion and understanding.

We are mighty proud of our Board members who put up that $100 each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official Receipt of SRC

Air Mail April 19, 1955

Mr. Roy Peters
75 Alma Road
Bristol 8, England

Dear Mr. Peters:

I send you separately our most comprehensive publication "Changing Patterns in the New South." A complete list of our publications is now being printed; I will send you a copy when it is available.

As you will see, the Southern Regional Council's main focus is on race relations in the Southern states. I know of no single organization that is concerned with all the other aspects, but if you will write me of your special interests I will be glad to suggest possible sources of information.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

April 19, 1955

Mr. Richard Kirby
BOx 55
Birmingham-Southern College
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Kirby:

I am sending you separately two issues of our publication New South which deal with integration in the armed services. This is all we have in print on the subject, but, as you doubtless know, several major publications have dealt with the question in recent years. I believe the most recent and most complete of these is the book "Breakthrough on the Color Front" by Lee Nichols.

Should you want more official information than appears in New South or the Nichols book, I suggest that you write Mr. James C. Evans, Civilian Assistant, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.

If we can advise you further let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf
separately:
New South, Nov. 54, "Integration in the Armed Services"
New South, Aug. 50, "New Policies in the Armed Forces"

April 19, 1955

TO: GSM

FROM: FBR

RE: Letter from Ed Lukas, 12 April, 1955.

1. Do these councils shape up as potential sources of violent . . . ?

A. At the present time, the Councils are headed by fairly "responsible" people in the community. If these economic measures prove ineffective in maintaining segregation, these people are apt to withdraw and more irresponsible people who advocate more violent action are almost sure to assume control.

B. As in the case of the Klu Klux Klan: when planned activities got out of hand, responsible leadership during the period of Reconstruction withdrew, and more violent leadership took over.

C. As the Negro community organizes to meet the onslaught of presently used economic sanctions, more stringent methods will probably be utilized.

2. Is there much evidence around of anti-Semitic or anti-Catholic activities . . . ?

A. A quote from Patterson in the Jackson, Mississippi paper saying he would utilize pro-segregation material even though it were anti-Semitic or anti-Catholic in nature.

B. The distribution b the white Councils of a reading list, including the publications of Gerald L. K. Smith, Merwin K. Hart, Frank Britten, and the publication Common Sense.

C. No public denial by Patterson or other leaders of white Citizens' Councils that they are anti-Semitic or anti-Catholic in nature.

(This is the best information available, after talking with Grace, Harold, and Art Levin. Another thing that might be valuable is Item X, page 4, of Bob Hughes' report on Alabama dated April 1, 1955, "Status of Race Relations in Alabama." Available in file.)

April 19, 1955

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your note of April 12th.

We thought the North Carolina statement a mighty good one and are sorry that North Carolina has not paid it more mind. Fifty copies have gone up to you straightaway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1955

Dr. C.H. Parrish
SRC Consultant
926 S. Sixth St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear C.H.:

This letter came today from Beckman. Fred has wired him asking that he send you a copy of the enclosures. We are also wondering whether your schedule is such that you could spend a weekend in Atlanta around the end of the month.

Questions which have been raised by Sutherland (Texas) have resulted in the suggestion that you and/or Fred and/or GSM plan to attend the next meeting of their Executive and Program Planning Committee. A wire from him this morning as follows:

> "Please wire what day you prefer to attend executive committee meeting, Austin, April 29 to May 7, 29 being preferred."

Let us know which of these are possible or best for you. Thanks for the wonderful clips. They are being circulated. So proud of Kentucky!

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf
encl: Beckman ltr.4/18/55

April 19, 1955

Mr. Knox Walker
Fulton County School
System
Fulton County Courthouse
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Walker:

We are delighted that you will be with us on Friday, April 22nd, at our meeting of church women who will be thinking through the job of the church woman in interpreting the social change brought about by the Supreme Court decision on school integration.

We understand that you can only be with us a little while in the afternoon and whenever you come in we will hear from you. We are meeting in the Whitfield Auditorium, in the basement of the Wesley Memorial Church.

Deeply grateful to you for sharing your time with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 19, 1955

(Dictated April 18)

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your letter that came April 13th.

I feel a similar need. The problem is when we can get together.

I will certainly remember about the Monday morning staff meeting, and will try to plan the next New York and Philadelphia run to let me be there. And I will try to let you know decently ahead.

The trouble is that I haven't got any early plan to go that way.

I called your office this morning on a possible arrangement about Irene Osborne. I shall be back in the office Wednesday afternoon April 20th, and for some days thereafter, and perhaps we can converse further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Miss Dorothy Jones
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

I wish we had had more time to sit and talk about Hanover and Rock Hill. Extremely kind of you and of the other sociologists to take over the man Grant. An oddity, but a pleasant one. He was delivered all breakfasted, promptly at 7:00 next morning and away we went. He got eager to see a Negro school, and we ventured into the one at Calhoun Falls, all permitted.

If a man gets in his heavenly crown an extra glitter for each outlier to whom he has expounded matters in his own country, I, Mitchell, will surely shine. And so will you!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Mr. Robert D. Nicholson
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A.
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Many thanks for your nice letter.

We made Don Newby a New South subscriber with your two dollars, for which we thank you.

Fred Routh, on our staff, used to teach human relations at the University of Miami and is a practiced and winning speaker.

Harold Fleming who is Assistant Director for Information, is an Atlanta product, plus Harvard, plus Army. They rarely tempt him out for a speech, but anyone who does is always happy.

Otherwise, the best thing to do for resource people from us is to tap our various state offices, which I herewith list for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - list of SRC state organizations

April 21, 1955

Mr. Milton Plumb
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Plumb:

I thank you greatly for the testimony and statement you sent me.

I shall be talking at the Arizona A. F. of L. Workers Education School this August for a week, and they told me to bone up on this particular problem. I will gnaw your bone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Generally I agree with Hodding Carter's article. We suppose that in the course of time, and of not a great deal of time, the more responsible people who are presently in control of the Citizens' Councils, finding that their measures prove ineffective in maintaining segregation, will withdraw and will leave the organization to people readier to resort to violent action. By the books that is what happened to the Klu Klux Klan in the old days.

The white Councils in Mississippi did put around a reading list including the publications of Gerald L. K. Smith, Merwin K. Hart, Frank Britten, and Common Sense.

We have heard of no public denial by the leaders of the movement that they or the Councils are anti-Semitic or anti-Catholic. I would expect them to go further down these bad channels.

I do not think that Negroes are going to knuckle under to economic pressure. Some will, but many won't.

I am told on good authority that the Mississippi Citizens' Council recently sent an emissary to the Arkansas Delta to spread the movement thereabouts. The Little Rock paper sent an able reporter to cover the speech-making. The emissary outdid himself in crudities. His speech was carried, nearly verbatim, in the paper and that is the last that was heard of the Citizens' Council in Arkansas, which is encouraging.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Dr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Linde:

It was most pleasant having Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Kaeber with us for the short visit, and I enjoyed the small part I played in showing them Atlanta and telling them something of our work.

Prior to their departure Wednesday, Mrs. Kaeber asked me to convey their appreciation to you. She asked me to tell you that they no longer are disappointed about not going to New Orleans, and she added that they learned a good deal about the race situation.

Again, we here at the Southern Regional Council enjoyed their visit and hope we were of some help.

Sincerely,

John Constable

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

April 21, 1955

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South Carolina will have its annual meeting on May 5th.

April 21, 1955

Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I will be grateful if the Club could save me an inexpensive room for the night of Sunday, May 8th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I am safely back, and all is in order for the Washington trip to be at your service, Monday, May 8th in the afternoon from 2:00 on.

I will go up Saturday night on the Seaboard train and check in at the Cosmos Club Sunday morning, and be available there, and on tap at the Shoreham at 2:00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

TO: HCF

Margaret Garrity in Washington told me that it would not be possible for her to make the survey of Catholic schools. It was suggested that we attempt to get Father Foley at Spring Hill, or Father Shean to do this.

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Ed Lukas asked me to come up and talk to an Executive Committee meeting, or something of the kind, for the American Jewish Committee on Sunday, May 8th, in Washington, and I have agreed to go. That puts me near you and near a Monday. How would it be if I got over for part of your staff meeting Monday morning, May 9th.

I suppose that by getting up with the birdies, I could be on hand by 9:00 or thereabouts.

I would expect to leave in the early part of the afternoon, headed back to Atlanta.

If the 9th is a bad day say so, and I will hope for better luck next time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Mr. Ellis E. O'Neal, Jr.
Hillsboro Baptist Church
Yancey Mills, Virginia

Dear Mr. O'Neal:

I am grateful for your letter.

I send you two pamphlet products, Answers for Action, and Changing Patterns in the New South. Each is available here in quantity. Each we think is temperate, accurate, reasonable, and constructive.

For books, I suppose the two best things directly on the schools are The Negro and the Schools, edited by Harry Ashmore, and Schools in Transition, edited by Robin M. Williams, Jr., and Margaret W. Ryan. Each came out last year from the University of North Carolina Press. Actually I can send you one of each of those, and do.

In my own judgment, the best general book is Gordon Allport's The Nature of Prejudice.

I am in the habit of saying that there is only one chemical that dissolves racial prejudice. It appears when people of similar cultural and educational backgrounds (not high, just similar) of different groups work together (not talk together) on a matter of common interest. Two drops of that and any amount of race prejudice disappears -- for good. If that is true, then the thing to do is to open the little bottle of that chemical in as many communities as possible. And the way to do that is to arrange quite small meetings of white and Negro persons of similar background and interest to work out the future of the schools. That's a matter of pressing common interest. It will take an afternoon or two for the white people to find out that the NAACP hasn't got horns. It will take four or five afternoons to dig out the exact local facts on a map. Where the white people live? Where the Negro people live? Where the schools are? What shape they are in? And all the matters relative to how it would be if the schools were together.

I went through that just the other evening in a South Carolina town. A white post office letter-carrier who was president of his PTA said, "If we come to a mountain together, we may find it is just a molehill." The point is that the things which had been painted as bugaboos became personal, describable, understandable. And in finding the facts, people make the friendships which sustain a new arrangement.

Emerson Smith, in Richmond at 109 West Grace Street, for the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, will be glad to give you help. You would know of his wisdom and experience.

Out of old links to the former Virginia Committee on Interracial Cooperation various people who have clung to membership in this Southern Regional Council have lately reorganized with new blood as the Virginia Council on Human Relations. It will operate in the friendliest association with the Virginia Council of Churches, and for the time being the Reverend W. Carroll Brooke at Staunton is acting Chairman of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and of the Department of Christian Social Relations for the Virginia Council of Churches. Brooke has had several meetings of the new group, and has gathered around him a responsible and representative Board of white and Negro Virginians. I think that within a few days they will employ paid staff and open an office, presumably in Richmond. Mrs. Theodore Adams in Richmond is a member of the Board and could put you in touch with the others. Or so could Mr. J. M. Ellison at Virginia Union. And I am sure there are others closer to you there in Albermarle.

I am persuaded that it is the quiet things done underneath which prepare the way for real change.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Changing Patterns in the New South
Answers for Action
Schools in Transition
The Negro and the Schools

April 21, 1955

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

Thank you, and I will write you later about time. In situ is clearly the best.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

April 21, 1955

Mr. Henry Shippard
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

I read through carefully the report you sent me. Liked it because it read as though it was what had happened.

It is a most minor point and I only mention it, but although I am sure the Guide to Action worked out at the Workshop was word for word what you detail in I, II, III, and IV, my own experience has led me to make a slightly different emphasis. The formality of the capital letters in Item II is forbidding. People are sick and tired of forming new committees. If they can simply meet without being a committee with a long name and a lot of capital letters, I think they are much more apt to meet and get the job done.

A somewhat similar point about item IV. I never lay upon a group a directive to go and talk to the school board. That's up to them. I think the fact that the meeting were held and that the facts were found and that a plan was made is going to go along the grapevine to the school superintendent's office at a speed faster than the speed of light. And often some good jerks on the grapevine do more than an appearance of the ladies in full sail in the man's office. But they can go, of course, if they want to. All I am saying is that it is sometimes no necessary that they go.

But these things relate to my set of directions and not to what the group worked out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brody
5463 Cornell Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear The Brodys:

How very nice of you. Money we never have enough of, and there is always the problem of raising what foundations make you put together in order to get the next giftie. And your check is a much appreciated assist.

I am remembering what a good time we had and how nice it was of you to appear at the later Chicago gathering.

Things are getting a little more agitated hereabouts, but I still think we will all come through pleasantly in the end.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official receipt SRC.

April 21, 1955

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
Workshop Co-Director
University of Michigan
School of Education
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Walcott:

August 9th is perfectly workable, and I can be there. Let me know what time of day I should show, and I will begin to plan the travel.

I will be holding you to Dr. Loving's original statement that a hundred dollars would be available, and I think the hundred dollars would about be eaten up with getting up and back, and that is all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Dr. Alvin D. Loving

April 21, 1955

Mr. Herbert W. K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center, Inc.
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

Many thanks for your letter of April 18th. I will be taking the Seaboard train up from Atlanta Sunday night, April 24th. I shouldn't be surprised by what I will use the morning of April 25th to drop down into Williamsburg to see my daughter. But I will be back in at the YWCA for the Monday afternoon dinner at 6 North Fifth Street, which I take to be around 6:00 p.m.

I expect to sleep the night of the 25th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Carrington in West Hampton.

I have so much I want to say I am having a very hard time squeezing it down into ten minutes. But I am still squeezing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1955

Master Locke McLean
St. Paul's School
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Locke:

You have got a good subject. I send you up some things that ought to be helpful. They cost about $1.00 with postage, and if you can scare up a dollar, you ought to send it back to the Council. When I was in school, the only way I could get a dollar was to cash in the postage stamp my mother sent me. And if you are that hard up, skip the dollar!

In some of the things you will find lists of other good things in print.

You can get mighty nearly the whole business out of that one with the blue stripe on it called Answers for Action, particularly if you will puzzle twenty-five minutes over the map at the back of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Answers for Action
Changing Patterns
Southern School News, Jan., Feb., Apr., 1955
New South, Feb., Mar., 1955

April 22, 1955

Mr. Theodore Wittrock
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau
2112 Broadway
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Wittrock:

How very nice that is to have our pleasant luncheon association to continue with your letter of April 20th. I send three of the smaller pamphlets and two of the big ones, and here is the bill.

We could supply the Answers for Action in quantity at 15¢ a hundred, and the bigger one at 42¢ apiece, either plus carriage. I do wish you could consider getting Answers for Action, particularly, out in some volumn to local church groups.

It is a sober and constructive treatment of a difficult problem, and we drew it up with great care to make it as useful as possible to local church discussion meetings. It has been widely so used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 22, 1955

Mr. Allen D. Edwards
Winthrop College
The South Carolina College for Women
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Edwards:

The youngsters got more out of the discussion meetings than they did out of the Forum. So, another year I would say reduce the speaking at and increase the speaking by. But that is not a heavy comment, it is just a "tighten up."

Of course the solemn truth is that these subjects should not be discussed in the South today except in the presence of people of both races. I am sure that when Winthrop can contrive that, it will. Meanwhile, I would not say do not do it becuase it is felt that the College cannot as yet have everybody there. But I would not let anyone suppose that the job is completely done until it is completely representative.

In any case, I give warm praise to what was done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Mr. Simon H. Rifkind
Chairman, Executive Board
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Rifkind:

All perfectly straight, and I am to be at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, Sunday, May 8th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

I have so written Mr. Lukas.

I am grateful for this opportunity to be with your Executive Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Mr. M. E. Stapley
National School Boards Association,
Inc.
Box 47
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Stapley:

As promised, here is the list of our new state groups here in the South.

Do help to build up a working relationship between them and your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 22, 1955

TO: HCF

I assume that somebody is making up a plan as to how to get maximum circulation of the new publications list.

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Tilly:

The warmest of praise for today's meeting. Arranged and carried through with great skill; the whole state will feel results from it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

I put together what I understood to be the main ideas exchanged between us in conversation April 15th on the matter of the "Lapses" mentioned in my report to the Fund for the Republic dated April 4th.

But I have since had some better ideas, and I would prefer at this time not to give substance to the skeleton of a plan which we then discussed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Mr. J. William Greenleaf
3238 College Street
Jacksonville 5, Florida

Dear Mr. Greenleaf:

Your letter misplaced -- my error. Regret I can't make the meeting of the Duval Study Group.

Apologetically,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/eab

April 22, 1955

Dictated April 21

Mr. James Armstrong
First Methodist Church
East Duval at Newnan Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I think that one of the most fruitful ways of getting further along toward unsegregated schools is for quite small bodies of church women, white and Negro, to meet together and work with the facts about the local schools, and make up some kind of a plan. We pushed that in our pamphlet called Answers for Action, and it has been widely distributed in church groups. I am told that such meetings have been held by the score in Louisville, Kentucky. I am told that two or three hundred such meetings have occurred in South Carolina. I know of a few in Knoxville, and in Atlanta. I think Mrs. M. E. Tilly here could put you on the trail of a good many such meetings. My best suggestion would be that you describe this device and the extent of its use, and appraise its usefulness toward transition.

The problem of the day is to get the brief pronouncements of church bodies translated into actions of church people. This, I think, is the device for doing it.

You could get some hints and some help out of the National Council of Churches. I am sure that the Division of Women's Work in the Methodist Church would be helpful. So would the United Church Women. I admit that the little meetings are as yet barely visible, but nobody wants them as yet especially visible. But where they are happening they are doing the trick.

It isn't altogether a new device, but it is a rare device and it could spread. And if it does, it will do more good than anything else I know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Dictated April 21

Mr. Ralph M. Galt
Masanutten Mountain
New Market, Virginia

Dear Mr. Galt:

I don't know what will work out in Virginia. But I would like a guy like you to keep on being our friend. Send us a letter if you have got problems or notions. Come to see us if you ever get to Atlanta.

Keep pushing for the show in Virginia to do well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1955

Dictated April 21

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I had a letter from Dick Bennett, some days ago, who said to stop by Philadelphia some Monday and appear at American Friends Service Committee's Monday morning staff meeting.

Because of some meeting in Washington on May 8th, I was able to write Dick Bennett today that I could come to Philadelphia Monday morning, May 9th.

Do you know this long ahead of time where you are going to be?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

S.C. File

April 22, 1955

Dictated April 21

Miss Audra Brazelton
830 College Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Brazelton:

I appreciate the copy of your letter to Mrs. Spearman with the motion passed at the March 24th meeting of the Rock Hill group of SRC about provision for local groups in the by-laws of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations when they are drawn up and approved.

We, over here, will remember Rock Hill's concern about it, but we hope that from the beginning you can convince the South Carolina Council on Human Relations that it should make such a provision.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Spearman

April 22, 1955

Dictated April 21

District Labor Council of Toronto
Labor Temple
167 Church Street
Toronto, Canada

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Mr. John Conners, of the Department of Education of the A.F.of L. kindly sent me his excellent report on "Labor and Education in 1954."

In writing him expressing appreciation for getting the copy of it, I asked him to tell me a little about the item in the report which listed the Toronto Council as having held a Fair Practices Conference on October 31, 1954.

The Southern Regional Council would like to explore the possibility of staffing trade union conferences in the South on this matter. Delicate, I know, but still it is time to do something.

I thought that perhaps you would be good enough to tell me what you did, and what seemed successful and what not.

This Council is an independent body with no particular claim on the labor movement, but we are good friends to the movement and various national and international unions, and both the big major federations guve us aid, material and moral.

I enclose a leaflet about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Grey leaflet
Under separate cover:
Answers for Action
New South, Feb., March, 1955

P. S. I am a long way off from you, and am unlikely to know anybody in your group. But if you have threads out to E. A. Forsey, he and I were roommates together at Oxford, and he would back me up.

April 22, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Some change of plans. The Texas group is insistent that I be at Austin, Texas, Friday, April 29th for the mid-part of the day. They said that they would drive me to Houston and put me on an airplane to New Orleans that would slip me into New Orleans May 30th, the day of your meeting. I told them I would.

Which means that I don't sleep in New Orleans Friday night the 29th.

Previously I had asked you to scare me up a bed that night. This cancels that request.

I expect I will fly from New Orleans to Atlanta Saturday night, April 30th.

You and I will discuss this tomorrow, but I send this along by mail to confirm.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MR. THOMAS S. SUTHERLAND
309 WEST TWENTY-FIRST STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS

PARRISH CANNOT COME APRIL TWENTY-NINE. I WILL

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

cc: FBR
CHP

NAIRO BOARD MEETING
April 22-23, 1955

NAIRO Board Meeting in Washington took place on April 22-23 and FBR, as chairman of the Southern Division, attended. The plans for the annual meeting to be held in Milwaukee, November 30-December 1 and 2, were firmed up.

Considerable interest was expressed in that fact that our state directors were joining and that this gave more widespread representation from the South than NAIRO has had prior to this time.

I reported on the work of our state organizations and of the central office to the group and out of this came a request for an article on the changing South for the NAIRO REPORTER. This I shall proceed to do.

The overall effect of the meeting was good. There was a harmonious and democratic relationship among the members present and it is to the advantage of SRC to have representation on the Board and to have our state people as members.

Frederick B. Routh

FBR:rnf

April 25, 1955

Dr. Benjamin Mays, Pres.
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Thank you for coming to us last Friday. You did drive the dagger into my heart and then twisted it around. And it is the heart-hurts that I get that keep me busy at the work which it seems to me God has laid out for me to do.

You stirred us all and I truly believe our women went away determined things should be different and they would do their best to make it so.

Deeply grateful to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 25, 1955

Dr. Claude Thompson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

It is difficult to find words to express what you meant to us on Friday. I have never heard a more direct, piercing talk on segregation. It did so much to give me courage to keep on keeping on.

Now here is another big request to you. We did not have a stenographer present at the time you were speaking and do want some of your terse sentences to use in the "Gleanings" from the meeting that we are sending out, not only to those present but to those who weren't able to attend.

I have a great deal of sympathy for you in this request because it happens to me and I agonize over putting a talk into a few words. I would certainly appreciate it, though, if you would give us two rather full paragraphs.

It's been very wonderful for me that you are on the Emory faculty, for the times you have spoken in my church and the two occasions on which you have spoken at my conferences. I have received understanding and interpretation of Christian responsibility from you, who have found the Christian way.

Deeply grateful to you for all of this, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 25, 1955

Mrs. C.F. Goldthwait, Pres.
United Church Women of Louisiana
6101 Louisville Street
New Orleans 24, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Goldthwait:

Thank you so much for sending us your very "telling" letter to your Governor. We hope that your communication from the United Church Women of Louisiana will have its weight with your Governor Kennon.

Now, as to dates. Any date you select from the 12th to the 20th of May is open for me at this time. But please advise me as soon as possible what date you select.

We are prepared to give you some financial assistance -- travel for speakers, caring for your postage and mimeographing, and if you desire, we will make workbooks for you similar to the one we had here at the Southwide meeting.

If you wish, we can find for you the Jewish and Catholic leadership and we'll send you the leadership of the other denominations.

Awaiting to hear further from you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 25, 1955

Mrs. William Cottles, Sr.
1405 S. Golvez St. - Apt. B
New Orleans 22, La.

Dear Mrs. Cottles:

Your very moving article "God Versus Segregation" came to New South, the official organ of the Southern Regional Council last Thursday.

On Friday we had a meeting of the leadership of the various denominations of the three faiths, including both races, to study the responsibility of Christian women in this time of social change, especially as it relates to schools. We had your story of the way you eased the hurt in the hearts of your children read to the group. They immediately asked that copies be made of it and given to them. We're having a series of these state meetings and we'll use the story as you wrote it at every one of these meetings, and if those in attendance want a copy it will be given them.

We thank you that you shared it with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

April 25, 1955

Mrs. E.E. Deen
206 E. 32nd Ave.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Deen:

I am deeply appreciative of your long letter full of triumphs and of sorrows. You did a magnificent job with your own society and I believe that your annual meeting will not be as tense as you feel -- your Executive Committee has shown so much strength and power and you spent so much time in prayer. Surely the little society of Louise cannot be more powerful with your membership than the Christian faith and vision of the leadership of the conference.

Of course, neither I nor anyone else would want you to interpose any discussion of the Supreme Court decision at this time. You truly have enough to interpret now when you need your women to understand the Interracial Charter.

With deep appreciation of your leadership and admiration for your courage, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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NORTH CAROLINA
Annual Meeting
April 26, 1955

The annual meeting in North Carolina took place on April 26th in Raleigh. There were some forty to fifty people in attendance at various times during the day (see attached program).

The Board of Directors is not yet idealogically cohesive and needs better representation of the various facets of the states population. It seems to me that too much time is spent on reminiscing about the past on the part of some board members and not enough emphasis given to realistically evaluating the present situation and seeking to spell out the role of the state organization in terms of its purposes. There is a specific need for a more functional program planning committee and a more functional finance committee. Plans are under way to start a membership campaign in the state. This, together with the creation of local human relations groups whether organized or informal, will be the chief emphasis of work this year. This decision was reached by the Board of Directors and in approval of the recommendation of the Executive Committee (Program planning). There is still much reason to hope for an improved program in North Carolina for the Board and the Executive Director both feel the inadequacies of the present program. In this group, as in other state groups across the South, there is a need for the infusion of new blood which is not too deeply mired in the past, which can look at the present and toward the future objectively and ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ realistically.

Virginia

I spent the day - Monday, the 25th of April - in Richmond, Virginia and spent the afternoon talking with C. Emerson Smith about the possibilities and potentialities of the quick activation of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and he expressed confidence that they would be well off the ground in the near future. He pointed out that the Board of Directors was a goodly representative group of intelligent people and who wanted to assist in a functional fashion the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ transition toward integration in the schools and in society in general. He further said that a committee was screening candidates whose applications they received and was also out looking for prospective candidates for the position of Executive Director.

Frederick B. Routh

April 26, 1955

Mr. Jay Murphy
School of Law
University of Alabama
University, Ala.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Thank you so much for your prompt answer to my inquiry about reprints of your article, "Can Public Schools by Private?"

Since it was quoted so extensively in the April SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS, which we planned to distribute in the May 3 meeting I wrote you about, we have decided to postpone reppoducing it for the present. We are, however, excerpting some of the Boutwell Committee's recommendations, and all of the proposed constitutional amendments for the May 3 meeting.

We do indeed know Bob Hughes of the Alabama Council on Human Relations--the Alabama Council is our state affilate and operates on a subsidy grant from this office. I am checking with him now to see what, if any, afrangements he has made to reproduce your article.

I spent several days last week checking through current analyses of the legal implications of the May 17 school decision in the law journals and found your article the clearest and most comprehensive of any dealing with proposed devices to circumvent the decision.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

April 26, 1955

Mr. William F. Kelly, Chief of Police
Charleston Police Department
Charleston, S.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The November 2, 1954 police report which you have is based on our annual survey of Southern police chiefs and is the most up-to-date report which we have available.

Newspaper sources, however, indicate that the following Southern towns have added Negro police since that report was prepared:

Concord, N. C.--Two uniformed policemen

Gadsden, Ala.--Three policewomen (school)

Jackson, Miss.--Two uniformed policemen; one plainclothesman (youth counselor)

Tuscaloosa, Ala.--Two uniformed policemen

St. Landry Parish, La.--One deputy sheriff

These additions bring the totals to the following figures:

Cities employing Negro police--147
Counties employing Negro police--23
Uniformed policemen --624
Plainclothesmen--93
Negro policewomen--115

I hope that this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

April 26, 1955

Mr. N. W. Krusen
1240 Walsh D
University Branch
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Mr. Krusen:

I have mailed a packet of materials on school desegregation under separate cover, for which you are being billed separately.

We have a bibliography on desegregation in education in preparation, but it is not yet available. I suggest that you consult the references listed in our pamphlet "Answers for Action" and the bibliography on "Desegregation in Education" in the Winter, 1955 issue of the JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION. If you are not already acquainted with the JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION, I think that you will find all recent issues most helpful.

I am sorry that this material is somewhat slow in getting to you, but I have been out of the office for several days.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. NE
Atlanta, Ga.

March 29, 1955

A PARTIAL LIST OF SOUTHERN DAILIES EMPLOYING NEGRO REPORTERS

ALABAMA

ANNISTON STAR. Negro reporter employed to run Sunday column

April 26, 1955

Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, N.Y.

Attention: E. Muravchik

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your memorandum received April 21 enclosing the new publication issued by the President's Committee on Government Contracts which outlines the procedures to be followed in filing complaints of discrimination against employers who hold Federal government contracts.*

We feel this publication will be useful to us in our work and would appreciate it if you would foward to this office 200 additional copies, if possible. We request also that 100 copies be sent to the Atlanta Urban League, 239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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*"Equal Job Opportunity"
Procedures for filing
complaints under Executive
Order 10479

April 26, 1955

Mr. Horace R. Weaver
Chairman, Division of Religion
and Philosophy
Union College
Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

We are very glad to learn that Union College is now open to all students and will add it to any subsequent listings of desegregating colleges.

Our list that appeared in the February NEW SOUTH was based on newspaper reports and notices in the SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS, primarily, and we missed several colleges that had given no publicity to their change in admission policy.

Thank you for calling Union College to our attention.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

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MR. THOMAS S. SUTHERLAND
309 WEST TWENTY-FIRST STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS

PLEASE TRY TO HAVE AVAILABLE BY SATURDAY A REPORT OF WHAT THE TEXAS COMMISSION HAS RAISED ITSELF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 1954 AND MARCH 30, 1955.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

April 27, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Carrington
7800 Lindsey Road
Westhampton
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Florence and Tucker:

You were kindness itself to take in the Mitchells, pere et fille, and we are both as grateful as can be.

Grand to catch up with you and with the children.

I do hope we can work out some plan that would put Kate and Ellen at the same place in the same year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 27, 1955

Mrs. Gwendolyn W. Banks
318 North Tenth Street
Palatka, Florida

Dear Mrs. Banks:

I had asked one or two people working with us here to think over carefully what might be done that would be helpful to you.

They suggested that you write to the Atlanta University School of Social Work and inquire about sc olarship aid and job opportunities in Atlanta, if your circumstances would permit you to move up here. In any case, the Atlanta University School of Social Work would be glad, on request, to send you their announcements.

A Floridian on our staff suggests that Jacksonville has a special education program going in its Negro schools, and thinks that you should be in touch with the people there -- though doubtless you already know of whatever may be available.

The Chairman of our new and as yet unstaffed Florida Council on Human Relations is Mr. Paul F. Finner, 930 West Park Street, Tallahassee, Florida. If you have opportunity to be in touch with him he could, perhaps, be helpful to you.

Meanwhile, if we can do you any chores in the way of running down something else, we will be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 27, 1955

Mr. William L. Bowden
Richmond Area University Center
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowden:

This bundle has not been untied since mother wrapped it. I peeped into it only so far as to read the table of contents, scan a page or two, and see that as a manuscript it is quite rough. I presume that the manuscript which I know was deposited with the Library of Congress in its Manuscript Division was neatly typed. It is possible that it had further revisions than this rough copy. But you should be able to judge from this whether the more perfected manuscript is worth your trouble in reaching to or not.

Send this one on back to me when it has served your purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 27, 1955

Mr. Charles F. Golden
Division of National Missions
of the Board of Missions
of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Golden:

I would like for you to have this quarterly report as made to the members of SRC's Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 27, 1955

Dear the Kaebers:

It was a delight to us to have you, and I am only sorry that I was moving about so much that I saw you only in glimpses.

How very nice when I got back to the office to find us greeted and aided with the coat of arms of Schleswig-Holstein. It hangs where Mrs. Kaeber put it as a constant pleasant reminder of the visit and of the Land.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Kaeber
Kiel
Strenwartenweg 13
Schleswig,-Holstein
Germany

April 27, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The beauty of having a state organization is that through the appropriate organs, including in North Carolina's case your Program Planning Committee, you in the state decide what you want to send out.

Generally speaking, I think it is better to send subscriptions to New South and therefore a continuity of the magazine to distinguished citizens. But I pick anything that is in New South as good material for anybody.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 27, 1955

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
3431 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I add the staff's cordial appreciation to Mr. Clement's for your prompt and generous gift of $100 to the Council.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl. Official Receipt
GSM/eab

April 27, 1955

Henry Harap, Associate Director
Division of Surveys and Field Services
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Harap:

Thank you for your letter of April 21, 1955, concerning our list of publications.

Please delete "The Impending Crisis of the South" (New South, Vol. 8, No. 5) from your list of publications as it is no longer available. The remainder of our publications that you have been including in your list are still available.

In addition to those listed in your previous book, you may be interested in two more recent publications of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. These publications are "Changing Patterns" and "Answers for Action". We are sending you copies of the publications under separate cover.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

April 27, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Witherspoon wrote me.

I remember there was some faint condition attached to the map, but was this it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Ltr from Mr. Witherspoon Dodge
National Religion & Labor
Foundation, dtd 4/25/55

April 27, 1955

Miss Anna L. Keaton
Dean of Women
Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

Dear Miss Keaton:

Mrs. Banks did write us. We haven't been able to turn up anything promising but we have written her of a possibility for further study at Atlanta University's School of Social Work, and have asked her to be in touch with our new Florida office at Tallahassee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 27, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Vigo
1119 Peniston Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Family:

Very many thanks.

Here I come again for Saturday. But a downtown visit only this time.

You were both mighty kind t'other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 27, 1955

Mr. Earl R. Brown
Division of National Missions
of the Board of Missions
of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

I would like for you to have this quarterly report as made to the members of SRC's Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 28, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council should be held sometime in May. I have checked with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and with the Executive Director and find that the only date in May on which both of them can attend is May 26th. We have found that this date is suitable for most of the Atlanta members of the Committee.

We are therefore asking that the meeting be set for Thursday, May 26th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Council's office, 63 Auburn Ave,, N. E. We hope that this date will be convenient for you, and that you can be with us for this most important meeting. This will probably be the last meeting of the Committee before the end of the first grant period.

Please let us know, using the enclosed card, whether you can be present.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

KS/eab
Encl.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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An original of this letter to:

Morris Abram
Cassandra Birnie
Paul Christopher
Rufus Clement
John Griffin
J. M. Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion Wright
Albert Dent
Gordon Hancock
Carter Wesley
Leonard Haas

I can_____ cannot_____ attend the meeting

of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee

on Thursday, May 26th, 1955.

Signed_____

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
RM. 432, 63 AUBURN AVE., N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

April 28, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM, FBR

FROM: GTH

RE: Telephone conversation with Mr. Thorwald

Mr. Thorwald called on Thursday afternoon in response to a call placed by FBR. He opened the conversation by saying that had we not called him he had planned to call us later today. He said that he had been completely without information in regard to the objectives of the organization, the terms of employment, or the terms governing the operation of the agency. He said that on April 1st he had been called to Jacksonville for an interview. Either that day or a few days later, he had had a call from Mrs. Starr, the Secretary of the Board, reporting that he had been nominated for the position of Executive Secretary. He said that Mrs. Starr reported that his appointment would be confirmed from Atlanta. He has had no word from anyone from that day forward except inquiries as to what "he was going to do about the job." He felt that he had had too limtted information and noone on the Board with whom he had talked had been able to provide him with more definite information.

I reviewed for him the purpose of the grant, reported that the SRC was able to make available $13,200 per state for the first year, $10,500 for the second year and $8.000 for the third year. I explained that this amount ($13,200) included the salary of an Executive at $5,000, half the salary of an Associate ($2,500), an office secretary ($2,500) and a remaining $3,200 toward operating costs to be matched by $1,800 raised by the state organization. I told him that there was some possibility that states might be able to have the full salary of an associate assured for the next 16 months but that this matter had not been finally cleared. I explained that the plans for the establishment of an office and the administration of the program, including the determination of what operating money would be spent for, was the decision of the responsible board of the state agency.

Mr. Thorwald accepted the invitation to come to Atlanta next Wednesday for more detailed information on the SRC's objectives for state organizations. He said that he had been interested in the operation because he had thought of it as a means of developing processes within the state which would further compliance with the Supreme Court decree. It had been his impression that this was the basis of the FFR's grant to the SRC.

rnf
cc:GHP

April 29, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
3316 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

Thank you very much for your recent note and I shall be glad to participate in the symposium as you request. I know the work of Dr. Epley for he now heads the department in which I once taught and from what you said of his talk used material that we prepared in our department for graduate classes. I am glad that you got down to Miami for the Southeastern Adult Education Association meeting and that you found it profitable.

As to the by-laws, I think they are well done and have only minor suggestions to make.

(1) Under Article II "Purpose" I think we should stress the educational aspect of the program for tax exemption by the Federal government is largely based on the educational programs of the organizations which receive exemption. This is especially true for tax examption for the donors to the organization.

(2) I would suggest that you change the name of the "Executive Board" to "The Board of Directors." Then when the time comes to elect an Executive Committee there will not be confusion in terminology between the Board and its chief committee.

I expect the invitation you are sending me will tell where the meeting is to take place, the time, etc., etc., so shall look forward to receiving it. Not quite sure yet how I shall come but shall probably fly up for the meeting and probably could spend one extra day with you if you think that will be beneficial.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf
Air Mail
Spec. Del.

April 28, 1955

Rev. Lewis E. Everline
329 E. Main St.
Lincolnton, N. C.

Dear Rev. Everline:

I am sorry to be a little slow in answering your letter, but our field director, Fred Routh, took your letter off to North Carolina before I answered and has just returned.

Harry S. Jones, formerly director of North Carolina's NCCJ organization, is executive secretary of our state affiliate, the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. His office address is 121 E. Third St., Room 209, Charlotte, N. C. Phone: FRanklin 6-6833. We have brought your interest in the North Carolina Council to Mr. Jones' attention, and he will undoubtedly contact you in the near future. It is regrettable that no one followed through on the initial contact as I am sure you would have contributed a great deal to the Council in its early organizational stage.

You did indeed reimburse us for the material you ordered earlier. We have entered your subscription for NEW SOUTH and by this time you should have received the current issue.

Please feel free to call upon us at any time for assistance with information and program materials.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

cc Harry S. Jones
Fred Routh
C. H. Parrish

April 29, 1955

Mr. Gilbert J. Balkin
Executive Director, ADL
330 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Gil:

Things are going along quite well in our attempts to get state organizations going across the South. We now have professional staff in nine of the states and the other three will be activated in the very near future. Florida has taken action in choosing its Executive Director. A man by the name of Walter Thorwald from the University of Florida seems to be a very good guy and was chosen after rather careful screening of the candidates by a personnel committee.

I have just returned from a NAIRO board conference in Washington and believe this to be a most worthwhile organization. I am chairman of the Southern Division of the organization and one of the things I have been trying to do is strengthen its membership.of professionals in the South. I do not recall whether or not you are a member but in the rare instance you are not, might I suggest that it would be mutually beneficial for you to join. The fee is a whomping $10.00 and should be sent to John Field, NAIRO, 565 N. Erie Street, Toledo 2, Ohio.

Drop me a note once in a while and let me know how things are going with ADL and also the Balkins. My best regards to your good wife Revie. Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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April 29, 1955

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southern Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Muchas gracias for the letter of April 27th. Mr. Warren Chchrane's address is YMCA-Butler Street Branch, 22 Butler Street, N.E., Atlanta. I am sure he will find useful the things you send out on your mailing list.

Regarding the question you asked me when you were last up here about the Augusta Country Club: can't seem to find out any real information. The two people I know who live in Augusta don't belong to the club, I discover, and said they had asked friends but no one knew. So I am afraid I can be of little help on that matter.

How about dropping me a note and letting me know how things are going with the Date County Council. I am still very anxious to see that a success, and would feel a personal loss if it should fold.

Have just returned from a trip to Washington for a NAIRO board meeting and certainly think there is a great deal of merit in that organization. I imagine offhand that you are a member of it but in the rare case that you are not, as Chairman of the Southern Division, may I suggest you send your $10.00 in to John Field, NAIRO, 565 N. Erie Street, Toledo 2, Ohio. One of the things the organization definitely needs is more members in the South.

That's all the news from this end of the line. Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

MUSE COULD AND SHOULD DO THE STUDY.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

May 2, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your good letter and please excuse the delay in answering it. Let me take your questions one by one and seek to give some answer to them. This is after consultation with Kathrine Stoney, Grace Hamilton and George Mitchell.

1. The four committees -- Membership, Research, Finance and Community Relations -- which you propose for the state organization would doubtlessly work well with the district organizations. You might even simplify the structure by combining "Membership and Finance," and "Community Relations and Research." The decision should be up to your Executive Committee.

2. In financing the work of district committees, I personally prefer a small kickback of a certain percentage of contributions received in the district for such work. We believe here that most of the secretarial wonk should be handled through the central office in Montgomery.

3. Regarding membership dues: it is the proper business of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the Alabama Council to determine membership dues. Our only requirement is that you send $2.00 per member to us for New South. We agree with you that other souces of income must be found beyond membership dues within each state if the organizations are to be placed on a sound financial basis.

4. The actual money set aside for an associate director is $wenty five hundred dollars ($2500) and not thirty five hundred, although one of our memoes probably indicated the latter. It is up to the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the Alabama Council to decide how to spend -- and in what proportion for various aspects of the work -- the operating budget ($3200 from SRC plus $1800 or more raised within the state). Budgets which we have sent you haferbeen suggestive in nature only. The few things upon which we insist are that we handle from this office salary checks for all personnel, and the amounts set aside for this purpose are $5000 for the Executive Director, $2500 toward the salary of the Associate Director and $2500 for secretarial help.

5. Regarding the attack on SRC and GSM by Mr. Carter of the American States Rights Association, Harold Fleming has already been in communication with you and in matters of this sort continue to confer with him.

I reckon this answers to some extent the questions which you raised in your letter. If there is anything further with which we can help you, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always pleased to find our state executive directors seeking advice on questions which rise in the states.

Best regards to Dottie and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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May 2, 1955

Mr. W. H. Aiken
President
Waluhaje Apartments
239 West Lake Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Our Southern Regional Council and its predecessor, the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, chose Atlanta as the central city for improvement of race relations here in the South for the same reason that hundreds of governmental agencies and major American corporations have located in this city; its natural geographical convenience as an economic and administrative capitol of this southeastern region. All very well this centering in Atlanta for white agencies and institutions. But until you built the Waluhaje Apartments we had perforce to be apologetic and less than fully effective because the city contained, except in purely private institutions, little or no modern accomodation open to Negro travellers and to conferences built not on lines of race but on mutual interest. We rejoiced with each brick that went into Waluhaje's walls; and we have been dismayed by the legal tangle which prevents the use of such admirable facilities for conferences and transient stay.

In this new period which opens in the South, the full use of Waluhaje's facilities will be more necessary than ever. I cordially hope that your former complete hospitality and service to the city, and to the South, can be restored.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Enclosure:

CLSA Reports - Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress

Sent to:

Alabama: Hughes
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Louisiana: Vigo
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North Carolina: Jones
South Carolina: Spearman
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May 2, 1955

TO: Robert E. Hughes

Am sending you the enclosed proposed statute for the permanent files of your state organization.

While it may be some time before such legislation is probable in the Southern states, and while our organization may not engage in the advocacy of legislation, it is important to have a working knowledge of what such legislation might include.

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May 2, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The other day I was at a meeting of the Texas Commission on Race Relations to which Mrs. William H. Hogue came most helpfully.

In driving back to Houston in a car along with her she gave me three South Carolina names of people she thought might well be interested in the work of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. Maybe all of them already are members.

Waller G. Wilbur, Charleston. She said that he is godfather to a daughter of Mrs. Hogue's.

Mrs. Leonard Prouty, Ridgeland, South Carolina. Good, strong liberal.

Mrs. M. E. Crouch, Charleston. Retired school teacher, informed and liberal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
GSM/eab

cc: FBR

May 2, 1955

Mr. Leo J. Margolin
The Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Margolin:

This is a most condensed version, losing all color in the condensation. When I spout, I will put the color back in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

For: American Jewish Committee
Executive Board Meeting
May 8, 1955
Hotel Shoreham, Wash., D.C.

By: George S. Mitchell

In a great belt stretching all the way around the warmer parts of the earth for the last fifteen or twenty years, the various disadvantaged peoples have been vigorously asserting a right to equality of status. In colonial countries this has taken the form of a demand for national independence and self-government. And in many of those countries, as we all know to our sorrow, the upward movement has been accompanied by resistance, bitterness, sabotage, revolution, and war.

We in the United States, and particularly those of us who live in the South, are going through the American phase of that same movement. How fortunate we are in this country that the movement here is represented by a brilliant coterie of Negro lawyers who before the nine Justices of the Supreme Court have pleaded for a full enforcement of the Constitution of the United States. That is legal, that is orderly, that is dutiful, that is American; and under every principle of statesmanship, that constructive loyal effort should be met with lawful and orderly agreement.

In the disputes of the last dozen years in the colonial countries a new principle has come to the fore. Always heretofore those who held others in subjection said, "we will distribute well-being, and when we have enough well-being out among the people the people can be set free." The wiser nations have come to see the necessity of the rule: "First you set people free and then they make their own well-being." The maxim has worked in India, in Burma, in Indonesia, in the Phillipines, in Nigeria, in the Gold Coast, and in many other instances. It is hard to get people to agree because they continue to point to the insufficiency of popular well-being.

In the South today, particularly, there is this problem of getting people to see the necessity of the new rule. It is the more necessary because the Supreme Court of the United States a year ago in effect accepted the wisdom of the new rule.

Just what is meant by setting people free in free America? Answers will differ; the best I can say is that the rule requires us in this country to recognize equal human dignity.

As to the desegregation of the public schools, it should be acknowledged that many parts of the South will find the unraveling of the problem difficult. Other parts will not. And I expect that within a year or two wide stretches of Southern territory will have found it expedient and comparatively easy to combine into one the present double set of schools. But the communities in which the difficulties are likely to be considerable have a tough problem to solve. They need the best [redacted] brains and the loyal effort of the whole of the population. Those communities have been in the habit for generations of confining power and decision to the white part of the population. They will be wise if they will early bring into the process of decision able, courageous, and representative Negro leadership. A dozen Southern cities and towns have already done this by electing or appointing Negro citizens to the school boards. Twelve towns do not make a victory. So there must be a next step and a much wider one, in joint consultation.

Our Southern Regional Council is busily urging that white and Negro citizens in local communities meet in small groups and explore the facts together. In many communities, I expect it will take a whole afternoon meeting for the white people to discover that the NAACP hasn't got horns! I can name you some communities where that will take three afternoons. But then people go on to work out the exact local facts about the two sets of schools. Well if they did it on the map. Where are the schools? Where are the children, by race? Where are the district lines? Which children walk how far to what school? What teachers with what experience and with what tenure? When the schools are actually combined, what will be the extent of the change, classroom by classroom? The almost certain result of such

discussions will be to cause a number of the people in the community to make friends on an issue heretofore thought difficult, and to bring the matter down out of the realm of the nameless and indescribable into fact and friendship [redacted] and friendly interest in particular individuals. And out of such meetings come a plan. Out of the plan, plus here and there a lawsuit, comes agreement, and no inconsiderable pride in the community that it came around and did what was right.

Notice, also, that the fact of such meetings introduces respect for equal human dignity. Thus local communities can find the way to apply in detail what is pretty generally agreed is the answer-at-large.

May 2, 1955

Eastern Air Lines
Main Office
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

I have frequent occasion to be at meetings in Nashville, Tennessee. For a good run of years now, as these meetings have come along, I have looked up your flights. You now run nothing out of Nashville toward Atlanta after 9:00 p.m. I think awhile back you ran one about 9:30 p.m.

Suggestion for the "slow file." Try sometime to work out a night plane from Nashville to Atlanta that will let a man go to a meeting in Nashville and head home. It ought to run about 10:00 or 10:30 p.m.

Nashville is a hard place to get to and from anyway, and your planes have helped a lot. But that is a corner where they can do us still more good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 2, 1955

Mrs. William Van Til
900 East Tower Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Van Til:

This confirms my telephone conversation just now.

Happy to acknowledge coming up for the evening meeting on Wednesday, May 25th. I can only make it under two conditions: that the planes fly up in the afternoon and the trains run back home that night. If the trains are running you can expect me there. If the planes are not running on the 25th, I will be sunk but I will telephone you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 3, 1955

Mr. Herbert Davidson
c/o News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

I promised to send you a copy of the talk I made in Virginia, April 25th.

I wrote out one manuscript and then produced most of the other, but with some gaps in the middle for ad libbing. I send, attached, the introductory paragraphs and the closing.

The part in the middle, missing from the manuscript, talked about the way systematic denial of power and responsibility alters and diminishes the character of a people; said this pressure is readily reversed just by opening doors and admitting those hitherto denied a share in power; whereupon all experience is that they grow in constructiveness and steadiness.

Then there was a little about the way in which customary snubs to the outreach of Negro children for opportunity and appreciation damaged development, too. I praised New Zealand for reaching, in fifty years, a pleasant and appreciative adjustment toward its Maori minority.

Whereupon I came down to brass tacks and talked about small local discussion meetings in which people, white and Negro, plan together on the basis of the facts a method of combining the two sets of schools.

Whereupon I was in position to resume, beginning "lastly."

The Forum committee had diluted me to one place in a panel of four. I think, technically, I had thirteen minutes, and I believe I took about ten.

The Times Dispatch for Tuesday, April 26th, gave the whole Forum a pleasant write up, and for a quote out of my remarks said, "For shame, that Virginians should appear before the United States Supreme Court and spout narrow, timid, and ungenerous doctrine," and "It is not enough to squirt welfare on a backward population, first you must turn the people loose and then they will make their own welfare."

The audience took it all right. There was one spluttering comment from the floor -- man complained that a forum ought to give both sides, and that all four speakers were on one side of this question and hundreds of thousands of Virginians were on the other.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Richmond Virginia
Public Forum
April 25, 1955

THE FUTURE OF RACIAL RELATIONS IN THE SOUTH

I will ride around in the clouds a little, and then I will come down to brass tacks, and then I will make a little speech as a Virginian.

Here we go in the clouds. A part of the problem is to arouse in the Negro people of the South full display of all those fine qualities which the psychologists and the anthropologists agree that they have, latently if not to everyone's ready seeing. These include ambition, responsibility, discipline, pride and self-respect. There is a very considerable problem of arousing these same qualities in good portions of the white population; and the additional problem of translating moral impulse into considerate behavior; but if we solve the one we will almost certainly solve the others.

In common with many others I used to say that we were making notable progress in industry, in health , in housing, in quality of schooling, and in general well-being, and that when this process had gone further and the two populations had reached a basic equality we could be satisfied that people would make a cordial adjustment to each other. A book I read some four years ago opened my eyes to a new factor. An Englishman named J. S. Furnivall spent a lifetime as a colonial civil servant. Burma, India, East Africa, a look at Java for the Dutch. Old and retired, and home to his own country. Wrote a book. Called it Colonial Policy and Practice. In it he said that the nations which govern others as colonies justify their rule by saying that they are squirting welfare on the backward populations, and when they have got enough welfare on them they are going to turn them loose. Agreed, he said, that some welfare is achieved. You see a picture of seventeen little brown boys with their sleeves rolled and a public health nurse giving them injections. But disease remains. They

start a school, but the people ten years later are 92% illiterate. For some reason welfare doesn't take hold; it doesn't spread. He said the answer is, first you must turn people loose, and then they make their own welfare. Hard answer. They came at Mr. Churchill ten years ago and said, "Mr. Churchill, time to turn India loose." "O, no," said Mr. Churchill, "not time yet. Too soon. Need more welfare. Divided people, incapable of self-government, hodge-podge of languages, nearly all illiterate, can't think of turning them loose yet." Well, another man came along, and did turn them loose, and they have done very well, thank you. Stable government, honest elections, peaceful policies, rapidly improving economic base under them. Somehow it worked! Similarly with Burma, and Java, and Ceylon, and the Philippines, and Nigeria and the Gold Coast.

This that we discuss tonight is really the same problem. Eminent Southerners, eminent Virginians, have said quite audibly, "Oh, no, too soon yet. Need more health, more welfare." Did I hear someone say more education? The point is that the United States Supreme Court, a year ago, in a thunderclap of decision, said for this United States, "Yes, that's right, first you turn people loose, and then they achieve the well-being."

Now what do you mean, here in the South, by "turn people loose." Everybody's loose. Been loose a long time. Nobody wants to set up new states or new counties. We like Carolina, or Texas, or Hanover or Fauquier, though there are a few reforms in these polities which would be pleasing. You can ponder your own answer. But I think it means recognize equal human dignity.

Lastly, my little speech as a Virginian.

Some years ago I had a hand in drawing out of Lucy Mason her good little book. They made me do a foreword for it, and that made me read Helen Hill Miller's life of George Mason. She said that when Virginia first detached

herself from the Crown, and proposed to erect herself as a nation, she had a most serious problem of bringing about an agreed unity within self-government, between the tidewater aristocracy and the men of what were then the back-country counties. Helen Hill symbolized it by saying that on the hat-pegs at the Raleigh tavern hung side by side the plumed velvet millinery of the gentry and the coonskin caps of the burgesses from the hills. George Mason and his associates solved the problem by writing and implementing a bill of rights, which guaranteed to rich and poor the same individual human rights. And that solved the same problem for the United States. So our country is built upon a projection of statesman-like thought from this our own Virginia. We meet tonight in a building named for a Virginian who brought to certainty the doctrine that the Supreme Court is the final arbiter of Constitutional law. And we meet when that fortunate and inspired doctrine -- that Virginia doctrine -- is under test. Can we, beneficiaries of those who wrote the law, apply our own doctrine, in the testing circumstances of today?

I call upon the inmost pride of each Virginian to help our state to give the right answer. My father used often to say, "Virginia people move slowly, but in the end they move reasonably." For shame that the inheritors of the mantel of the Virginia statesmen of two hundred years ago should stand before the Supreme Court and spout narrow, timid, and ungenerous doctrine.

And I will tell you a comforting secret. If you will admit Negro Virginians to full status as Virginians they will outdo the rest of us in exhibiting the qualities that we cherish as those best representative of our state. Cecil Rhodes said in the tortured society of South Africa,

that it would be necessary to grant equal rights to every civilized African. If his country had followed his advice it would be today a land of hope instead of despair. I urge on Virginia that honorable course. For every Virginian of sensitiveness, of education, of pride and of personality, grant all the privileges of being a citizen of this Commonwealth. All. Let Negro people make their way into every department of government, states, county, and town and city. Admit, Respect. Employ. Promote. Invite. Elect, Appoint, Include. And the Commonwealth will gain 700,000 men and women who will share our pride and our hope. And they will show just that careful, constructive, statesmanship which above all things the Virginian cherishes and admires. We've got a tough problem to get through with. I know it. I'm not blind. But I urge you to bring into the solving of it the brains and the loyal responsibility of all the people of the state. And we can be as proud, some day, of the answer Virginia will have found as we all are of what Lucy's great, great, great grandfather helped to find in his.

My daughter here goes to College in this state. Before she is old I expect that Virginia, in gratitude for the statesmanship and quality of some Negro citizen, will have erected on that part of Monument Avenue which by then will be piercing Goochland Court House a noble shaft and an heroic bronze figure of a member of the Negro race who symbolizes the qualities in his own people which Virginia will have come to know and praise.

May 31, 1955

Dear Mr. Craig:

Very nice to have the, too short, chat with you on Saturday at the meeting of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations.

I hope you will join it (here's their leaflet). Meanwhile, I send you a couple of recent issues of New South, and a grey leaflet about SRC.

It will take all the religion and brains the South has to perform constructively in the next few years. It is heartening to see so much evidence that both will be put to best purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, February & March, '55
Answers for Action
Grey leaflet
SRC Publications List

Encl: Promotion Leaflet LCHR

The Very Reverend William E. Craig
Christ Church Cathedral
2919 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

cc: Mr. M. C. Vigo

May 3, 1955

Mr. John Q. Schisler
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Post Office Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

We are deeply grateful to the Division of the Local Church for their kind contribution of $300 to the Southern Regional Council, for their fiscal year ending May 31, 1955.

It is just such help which is of the very greatest benefit to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - official receipt SRC

May 3, 1955

Mr. Giles A. Hubert
Division of Social Studies
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Giles:

Mighty nice to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1955

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

Very nice to read the screed from you in the African printment. And I thought what you said was fresh and of great interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Mr. A. Babs Fafunwa
1837 Wyoming Avenue, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

May 3, 1955

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

You got away before I had opportunity to hear more from you about things in Mississippi.

I do hope your insurance company catches up with whatever small racket is going on in New Orleans re bumps.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1955

STAFF:

Because of a trip to Washington Sunday, May 8th, and to Philadelphia, Monday, May 9th, I would like to have next week's staff meeting, Tuesday, May 10th, at the usual 10:30 a.m.

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RETURN TO EAB

May 3, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

This is the day I first need the list of possible contributors. It hasn't come and I will still need it. I know you have been busy, but do try to get that together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1955

Mrs. Ruth P. Scott
1317 Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Scott:

I, and my office, are both without recollection of my having promised to appear before the Delta Sigma Thetas May 15th at 5:00; but I am in town and can come, and will like to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Harold and I found your manuscript instructive and unexceptionable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 3, 1955

Miss Dorothy Day
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Day:

We haven't got any job here in Atlanta for the coming year.

I assume you will be going home to Little Rock in June. Man who has been doing a peace education job for the American Friends Service Committee in Texas is going to work for the Arkansas Council on Human Relations along about now. His name is Nat Griswold, and he is opening an office in Little Rock. The Chairman of the Arkansas Council is Fred Darragh, in Little Rock. This Arkansas Council is an autonomous body in the field of race relations, currently being helped by the Southern Regional Council.

I don't suppose they will have a job, but it will be possible for you to go over to talk to Darragh or Griswold anyway. If you come by Atlanta, come to see us.

Various of my junior kin have gone to and through Swarthmore, and liked it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1955

Mr. A. C. Shropshire
Director
Division of Education
Langston University
Langston, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Shropshire:

We would be happy to supply, without charge, at the appropriate time, samples of various of SRC's currently available publications for the Intercultural Workshop at Langston in June.

Please write us ahead of time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

May 3, 1955

Mr. Clarence D. Coleman
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I have been out of town, and only just got back to my desk yesterday to find your letter of April 27th about the Transportation Committee.

Perfectly willing to serve, but, unfortunately, I was not in town for the April 29th meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Air Mail

May 4, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue S.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen:

I hope you feel rested and happy over your meeting. It was a really great experience for all of us. If you feel you can rush us the list of the people in attendance, we will mimeograph the sheets and send them back to you. And when you get your gleanings ready we will do the same thing and put with it some of the promised material. Or if you wish, we'll mail them out directly from this office.

With best wishes to you and congratulations on your meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

Air Mail

May 4, 1955

Mrs. C.F. Goldthwait
6101 Louisville Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwait:

Dr. Mitchell has said that the Louisiana meeting of church women will be on May 19th. Please verify this date quickly for me because I will want to stop in Mississippi either going to or coming from Louisiana.

We've just had the Alabama and Georgia meetings. In both of these we had workbooks so we can have them for your meeting if you wish. Check your workbook of the Southwide meeting and see if you wish the sheet with the hymns and the sheets of the devotions, "The Negroes on Public School Boards," "Long Trails and Trials to the Supreme Court Decision," blank sheets for notes, "The Churches Speak." For Georgia and Alabama on "The State Speaks" we used just the measures passed by the legislatures of these states -- so we would gather together for you the bills presented and those passed by your legislature.

We would have to know how many of thes books you wish.

It would be well for you to order enough copies of Southern School News for your meeting. They are free, you know, and the address is Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

I hope we may have a supply of Lillian Smith's book, "Now is the Time," also for distribution but I am sure ~~that~~ Dell Publishing Company has written they are having to order a reprint.

As for funds, you may certainly have your speaker from Arkansas as you planned and there will be $50.00 more for you to bring some of your women to your meeting or use in other ways you may need to.

If there is anything else that you wish from this office let us know for it will take an early mailing in these days of strikes for parcel post to reach you. Looking forward to your meeting, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

METrnf

May 4, 1955

Mr. W. E. Garnett
Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Garnett:

On the Virginia Conference, I remind you of wisdom I was taught by a farmer in North Carolina. A co-op I liked was dying, and I met with some of the farmers to see what to do. He took me out to his barn, and said, "Mitchell. My daddy was a blacksmith, and he taught me nothing won't weld on the first heat. Hot it up one time, and cool it off. Hot it up the second time, and hammer it together, and it'll stick."

Our Virginia Council on Human Relations has been slow to start, but they meet in Richmond May 9th, and I hope will select staff and open an office, and move ahead. Carroll Brooke, at Staunton, is the present Chairman, and I hear they intend to employ Jack Marion, in Richmond, as their first executive.

We appreciate your subscription to New South. I am delighted that it will be reaching you.

I will never be in your corner of the state without coming by.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SRC Publications list

May 4, 1955

Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
213 N.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Enclosed is a copy of our SRC NEWSLETTER which I thought you might find of interest. In it you will note that the state staff people are listed and their addresses given. I think it would be helpful to them if you put on your mailing list for AJC these names and I am sure a copy of the Readers Digest reprint, "The Jews Among Us," would be of interest to them. I recognize that some of them are probably outside of your area of jurisdiction and that the central office may have to put them on the mailing list, but I think it would be appreciated.

Best regards to your family and you.

Sordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf

May 4, 1955

Mr. Jack H. Whittington, Adm.
Brewster Hospital
1640 Jefferson Street
Jacksonville 9, Fla.

Dear Mr. Whittington:

Thank you for your note of April 29th and the expressed interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

The meeting that is to take place at Camp New Hope is for professional staff of our state organizations and regrettably isn't open to the general membership.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

May 4, 1955

Mr. Roy Wilkins
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
Twenty West Fortieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Roy:

Mrs. Tilly is back today from a meeting of church women from all over Alabama, yesterday at Birmingham. Helpful, and in Alabama, novel. She said Mrs. Hurley took part with the greatest persuasiveness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1955

Mrs. Savilla Millis Simons
General Secretary
Young Women's Christian Association
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Simons:

Our sincere thanks for the copy of Methods of Combating Discrimination which you sent us. The staff here at the central office is much impressed with it. We found interesting the manner in which you set forth a principle and then gave several experiences the YW had which substantiated the principle.

Thanks are due too for the very kind words about the Southern Regional Council (pg. 51) and how the YW and SRC cooperated in the Greenville, S.C., self-survey.

We think it would be of benefit to our state staff people to have such a record of a long struggle against discrimination and an evaluation of methods used in winning that fight. Would it be possible to get fifteen copies for distribution to our professional staff in the state organizations affiliated with SRC? If there is a cost involved we, of course, would bear it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

It looks like my appropriate transportation back to Atlanta, Monday, May 9th, is a plane that leaves the airport at Philadelphia at 6:55 p.m. and puts me in Atlanta before 10:00 that night.

So, many thanks for my name in the supper pot, but you had better take it out.

Meanwhile, I will be at your house as covenanted at 2:30 that afternoon, and thence forward.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1955

The Rt. Reverend Monsignor Charles J. Plauche, J.C.L
Chancellor, the Archdiocese of New Orleans
7845 Walmsley Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Monsignor Plauche:

Nothing could have been finer than your clear and heartening statement on Saturday to the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. I add my own appreciation for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Milton C. Vigo

May 4, 1955

Mrs. Helen M. Thrift
Box 78
Patrick Copeland School
Hopewell, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Thrift:

Here's a leaflet about SRC, and a publications list.

We go back one way or another to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, set up in the South in 1919. Along in World War II, on the basis of three meetings, first of Negro leadership at Durham, then of white people at Atlanta, and of the two together in Richmond, the Southern Regional Council was established (1943). Mr. Gordon Hancock, at Virginia Union, was one of the moving spirits, and Virginius Dabney, and P. B. Young, at Norfolk, and a great many more Virginians.

Quite recently we have been able to help into being a Virginia Council on Human Relations, which we hope will soon be setting up an office, perhaps in Richmond. Meanwhile, various people at Virginia State would know about us, perhaps particularly Mr. Harry Roberts, who teaches sociology.

I send along a copy of Answers for Action, which we did as a textlet for local discussion groups on the schools and the Court's decision.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under separate cover:
Answers for Action

May 5, 1955

TO: AH

FROM: GSM

The man Cornbluh, employed in the Workers Education Bureau of the CIO under George Guernsey, is out on a recruiting trip for students for the CIO school at which I am to teach at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, June 12-17.

He asked for some materials:

(1) One copy of each of those old issues of New South which, respectively, examined and mapped reapportionment needs in Alabama, South Carolina, and Virginia.

(2) From several states in the lower South, examples of the statutes and/or constitutional amendments lately enacted or responsibly discussed as white hopes for avoiding desegregation of the public schools.

Also, if you will please, your own best effort at pithily compressed analysis of the device proposed. By analysis I mean description of the device proposed. And good if you could add some hint as to the Achilles Heel of the device at law.

I suggest that you also run into this group of items the correct quote from the White Primary Case in which the Court said, in effect, that the writ ran against the sophisticated as well as the simple-minded effort at evasion.

(3) Some such list of what he called the ~~prospective~~ progressive? things, as we have from time to time compiled from other people; i. e., Negro police officers, Negro members of the city councils and school boards, localities in which parochial schools have been opened, Fayetteville and Charleston and Arkansas, and anything else calculated to bestir the laggard purposes.

Perhaps this is illumned if I tell you what he told me: that customarily they pass out to the students on arrival at the school a manual, or textlet, containing materials helpful to the subjects to be discussed.

In effect, I am asking you to try to put together some three pages of the manual.

They acknowledge the responsibility to edit and dress and alter and decorate what you may be good enough to scratch together.

The material is to be mailed, preferably within about a week, to George Guernsey, Congress of Industrial Organizations, 718 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM

FROM: GTH

RE: New Hope Meeting

FR and I make the following suggestions about "Program" for the New Hope Meeting.

(1) The state staff will be asked to complete and bring with them for presentation and discussion answers to the following questions:

a. What is the purpose of the organization for which you work (define in your own words)?

b. How is this concept of purpose manifest in your work in the state?

c. In terms of this purpose what are the functions as you see them of
the Board of Directors,
the Executive and/or Program Committees,
the Executive Staff?

The criteria for evaluation of state programs and the SRC statement of purpose will be sent again to the staff for use as a guide in developing their answers. (See attached)

On ~~Thursday~~ Wed. evening these reports will be given verbally. On the following ~~Friday~~ Thurs. morning, GSM, CHP and FBR will serve as a panel to develop a "critique" on the basis of materials presented verbally and the reports which will be filed upon arrival. ~~Friday~~ Thurs. afternoon visit with Dr. Alexander. ~~Saturday~~ Fri. morning before departure there will be time for further discussion of how to improve the agencies in the light of the situation which will be described in the earlier sessions.

All other time will be available for conversation and consultation between those in attendance.

List of those who may attend:

States:	Alabama	Hughes	Central Staff:	GSM
	Georgia	Wells		FBR
	North Carolina	Jones		CHP
	Mississippi	Mrs. Lyells		KS
	South Carolina	Mrs. Spearman		Mrs. Tilly
	Louisiana	Vigo		HCF
	Arkansas	Griswold		GTH (?)
		Mercer		
	Texas	Sutherland		
	Kentucky	Mrs. Dagen		

We agree that Fred should send a memo to the staff list above indicating the "homework" and suggesting that staff members may wish to consult with some members of their boards in the completion of the "report." He will also ask for definite information regarding attendance.

The South of the Future

A Statement of Policy and Aims of the Southern Regional Council December 12, 1951

EIGHT years ago, the Southern Regional Council was born out of the conscience and high resolve of a democratic nation at war. Today, in another period of international tension, we are faced with a renewed challenge to provide leadership and direction in a troubled region. It is essential that we assess clearly and wisely the role that the Southern Regional Council is to perform in this critical time.

We do not believe in the exclusive validity of any single approach or any single organization. There is not only room, but a desperate need for a wide variety of programs concerned with broadening democracy through legal, economic, legislative, religious, and educational means. Moreover, such programs are needed on all levels — national, regional, state, and local. Every group, like every individual, should chart its course with due regard for the special contribution it is fitted to make.

THE ROLE APPROPRIATE to the Southern Regional Council is evident in its origin and make-up. The Council's main asset is and has always been the people of the South who understand and want the full practice of democracy, and who at the same time know intimately the old evils that burden the South, and their causes. From such people is the Council's membership drawn. They have wanted a regional organization, not out of any provincial desire to separate the South's problems from the nation's, but out of the conviction that such an organization has unique advantages. It can express the best and often neglected elements of Southern

thought and conscience; it can serve as a convincing demonstration of Southerners working together as fellow citizens without regard to race; and it can tap local resources and initiative often inaccessible to agencies outside the region.

The Council seeks to be a practical organization, emphasizing working solutions rather than spectacular pronouncements. Indeed, that philosophy is basic to an organization which hopes to open closed minds and substitute reason for prejudice.

The Council, by its very nature, is not a "mass pressure" organization. The number of persons in the South who are able and willing to reject the taboos on interracial effort in their own communities is growing, but it has not yet reached mass proportions. Meanwhile, the Council's membership can function effectively as enlightened citizens acting through the civic life of their communities in behalf of our common principles. Their methods are the established ones of conference, fact-finding, and persuasion.

The Council takes no part in political activity. However, it can and does consult with public agencies and officials and makes its influence felt for truly representative government.

THE COUNCIL'S FUNCTIONS may be briefly summed up as follows:

To serve as a meeting ground for citizens of all races, occupations, and religious persuasions.

To present the facts about the region, and their implications, through newspapers, radio, magazines, pamphlets, and other public media.

To counteract appeals to prejudice and violence by demagogues, professional bigots, and hate organizations.

To provide a program adaptable to local need in both the relatively backward and the relatively advanced areas of the South.

To translate appropriate research findings from universities and other centers to the practical situations with which the action program will be concerned.

To give special emphasis to the development of leadership among promising young Southerners of all races.

To convene, by interest group, key persons in the various fields of Southern life, so that steps to genuine integration may be representatively agreed upon.

To stimulate local initiative to work for local solutions in full democracy, so that legislation and judicial rulings may be translated into justice for the individual in his everyday life.

The basic machinery necessary to enable the Council to work effectively at these tasks is: (1) trained, competent, professional persons of both races working in each Southern state as agents of improvement in public life; and (2) staff in a central office of the Council to direct and service the field people.

THE DECLARED PURPOSE of the Southern Regional Council is "to attain through research and action the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region." This objective has lost none of its timeliness since it was first adopted. Although the past eight years have brought notable progress in the South, the job remaining is a vast one, and the pressures of national and international events demand an even speedier advance. Many of our institutions continue to make unfair and unwarranted distinctions between citizens solely on the basis of race. Outmoded traditions, unjustified fears, and ancient prejudices continue to exact a heavy toll on the unity, productiveness, and integrity of our society.

It is the ultimate hope and aim of the Council that it may help in bringing solution to regional problems that transcend the question of race — problems economic, social, ethical, which affect impartially people of all races. But, for the present, the unique liability under which the South labors arises out of an unreasoning racial disharmony. The first task of informed and conscientious Southerners is to strive

to create here the atmosphere in which artificial distinctions and discriminations based upon race will no longer persist. Only when that goal has been attained will the energies of enlightened men be fully released for the great task of realizing all our potential resources, natural and human.

THE SOUTH OF THE FUTURE, toward which our efforts are directed, is a South freed of stultifying inheritances from the past. It is a South where the measure of a man will be his ability, not his race; where a common citizenship will work in democratic understanding for the common good; where all who labor will be rewarded in proportion to their skill and achievement; where all can feel confident of personal safety and equality before the law; where there will exist no double standard in housing, health, education, or other public services; where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed; where, above all, every individual will enjoy a full share of dignity and self-respect, in recognition of his creation in the image of God.

Equal opportunity, truly defined, includes all this and more. We have no illusion that it can be realized in the South quickly or easily or perfectly. Nor do we imagine that the Southern Regional Council can play more than a modest but creditable part toward its achievement. Yet it is the ideal toward which we strive and, short of which, we have a duty to remain dissatisfied. For it is nothing less than the American ideal.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. • Atlanta 3, Georgia

The following are the general functions of the Southern Regional Council and a list of specific criteria for state programs, each briefly discussed:

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS AS DEFINED IN THE STATEMENT OF POLICY AND AIMS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

1. To create in each state a representative body of white and Negro citizens to consider in full democracy the necessary steps toward genuine integration.

2. To serve as a convincing demonstration of Southerners working together as fellow citizens without regard to race.

3. To strive to create an atmosphere in which artificial distinctions and discrimination based upon race will no longer persist.

4. To stimulate local interest to work for local solutions in full democracy, in order that legislative and judicial rulings may be translated into justice in everyday life.

5. To seek practical solutions rather than spectacular pronouncements.

6. To encourage effective functioning of enlightened citizens through the civic life of their communities, rather than becoming a mass pressure organization.

7. To further its objectives through fact-finding, conference and persuasion, and through consultation with public agencies and officials.

8. To counteract appeals to prejudice and violence by demagogues, professional bigots and hate organizations.

9. To present the facts about the region and their implications.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROGRAM PROPOSALS
OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH SRC

I. Is the program proposed compatible with SRC's policy and aims?

See the preceding list of SRC functions as defined in the statement of policy and aims, December 1951. A leaflet reprinting the entire policy statement is enclosed.

II. Who made the plan?

See Item 1 in the list of functions. Your proposed program should reflect the combined thinking and approval of representative members of the state Board, including both races and the various religious and organizational interests represented.

III. Is the program oriented to the main challenge facing the state at this time - i.e., adjustment to the Supreme Court decision?

While it is expected that the state organizations will be broadly interested in the human relations problems and opportunities of their states, the challenge of the decision should be recognized as the focal point of action in this field. Obviously this will mean different things in different states. In some of the more advanced states, it may mean working with educational authorities, parent-teacher groups, and others on the mechanics and details of school integration as an accepted goal. In other more uncertain states, it will be necessary to aim program activities at building more acceptance for the idea of integration. In the deep South states, the work of persuasion must start on an even more elementary level and interest may have to be sought for such intermediate objectives as preserving the public school system, combatting intimidation and economic pressure on Negro and liberal white spokesmen, emphasizing church pronouncements and the importance of abiding by the law despite personal preference. However, these varying approaches all have in common the recognition that compliance with the Supreme Court's decision must be an ultimate goal of our operation.

IV. How practical is the program in terms of the organization's staff and resources?

There are clearly strict limits on what one professional staff person -- or even two -- can do by way of personal contact and the influencing of opinion. The central office's concept of staff function, in the light of these limitations, should be applicable to the state organizations as well. Generally, it recognizes that we are not aiming to influence directly people in the mass. Rather, we are trying to stimulate and assist key local people. Every community has its present or potential "spark plugs" whose racial views are enlightened. They may be ministers, church women, public officials, businessmen, civic and labor leaders, newspapermen -- in short, anyone who plays an influential role in the life of the community. These are the people with whom we work. Staff time should be spent mainly in planning with and activating such key people, through personal contact, SRC materials, and correspondence. (See Item 4 in the list of functions.)

The importance of bi-racial professional staff is evident in this definition of the job to be done. We can hardly hope to persuade perceptive lo-

cal people of our good faith unless we exemplify in our own organization the principles we are advocating. Nor, in this divided society, can we bring people of the two races together unless the insights of both races are reflected both at the policy and at the staff levels. Contrary to some assumptions about human relations activity, a Negro staff member may often approach white leadership more effectively than a white staff member; and a bi-racial professional staff will increase, rather than lessen, respect for our organizations and belief in our sincerity.

The ways in which bi-racial staff can be attained -- through additional fund-raising for salaries, through employment of consultants, etc. -- have been and will be dealt with elsewhere. But this should be an ever-present consideration in program planning.

V. To what extent does the program involve lay community leadership?

In view of our limited staff, much of the program load must be shared by Board members and other individuals related to the state organizations. Every such person should be an active influence in his or her community, working closely with state staff, and involving other local people in the program of the state organization.

Members of the state organization's policy group should also participate in statewide program. The most effective way to accomplish this is for the Board to establish its own subgroups which will be concerned with particular phases of the organization's activity, including fund-raising. Without such lay participation, at both the community and the state level, the staff will find it virtually impossible to implement an effective program.

VI. Does the program aim at developing processes which in themselves lead to the elimination of racial distinctions?

Every state and every community has its own particular character and circumstances to which program must be adapted; it is for that reason that we have put emphasis on the large degree of self-determination that must be exercised by each state organization in shaping its structure and program. Given that fact, however, it can probably be said that every effective community-action program will have as its effect a process in which white and Negro citizens of comparable achievements and interests are communicating and planning together as equals. The success, then, of a state program can be evaluated in terms of its effectiveness in encouraging and assisting this process in the public and institutional life of a state. Such local planning and discussion today clearly should center on the overriding question of adjustment to the Supreme Court's decision -- gathering the facts about the local school system and reaching agreement on practical steps to be taken.

The formation of new local interracial groups is sometimes an appropriate way to achieve this, but it is by no means the only way or the best way. It is often more fruitful to explore the opportunities for sound process within existing bodies and community activities. Examples.

A. Bonafide Negro representation on school boards and other official bodies.

B. Negro participation at the policy level in such agencies as community chests and councils, YMCA's and YWCA's, hospital boards, professional

associations, and other quasi-public agencies.

C. Bi-racial participation -- preferably through integrated membership, but when necessary through liaison committees -- in such private organizations as PTA's, teachers associations, councils of church women, ministerial associations, and the like.

D. The self-survey method, in which community leaders join together across the lines of race, religion, and interest groups to gather the facts about common problems and plan remedies. This technique is amply discussed in SRC literature and should be familiar to all state personnel.

Where full participation is not thought to be immediately possible, interim steps, such as Negro advisory committees or advisory interracial groups, may be temporarily useful but great care should be taken to insure that they do not become permanent "escape hatches" for those in authority. There is no substitute for full and unqualified participation by all segments of the community.

There are many ways in which the state organization can promote the growth of democratic process. Obvious examples are: conference with community leadership or persons with access to community leadership; informing individuals and the public generally of good precedents in other communities in the state or in the South; offering technical assistance in the form of materials and consultation (for example, the self-survey).

VII. Does the program tend to strengthen the representativeness of the state organization?

This refers to the fact that careful attention should be given to involving persons who are representative of as many religious, professional, and civic interests as possible.

VIII. Does the program seek to make maximum use of SRC materials?

There is a variety of ways in which the materials of SRC and related agencies can be useful in increasing the outreach and effectiveness of the state program.

A. To disseminate through the press and other public media information that will stimulate constructive action.

B. To promote understanding of the services and methods of the organization itself.

C. To assist local people in adapting to their community techniques that have worked elsewhere.

Thus the use of materials should be regarded not as incidental, but as integral to, the program.

IX. Does the program create a basis for self support?

The broad objective of SRC's work with affiliated state groups is the formation, within a comparatively short time, of effective, independent, self-

supporting human relations services in each Southern state. The period of subsidy is short. If the goal is to be achieved, the state organization must not only raise the required supplementing funds for today, but quickly establish itself as an indispensible service to forward-looking individuals and agencies throughout the state. And this can only be accomplished by good programming that gets results. In this sense fund-raising cannot be viewed as a thing apart from program; they must be planned together.

GSM/as/rnf
12/14/54

May 5, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold, Ex. Dir.
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

We have sent under separate cover copies of all the Southern Regional Council materials which you requested.

We do not have copies of The Negro and the Schools and Schools in Transition for sale on consignment basis. We suggest that you inquire about the possibility of making this kind of arrangement with the University of North Carolina Press.

We have no record of people in Arkansas who receive SRC pamphlets except the list of members of the SRC. The card file of thise persons has already been sent to you.

Thanks for your good reports which show how soundly the Arkansas Council on Human Relations is moving forward. If we can be of further help, please call upon this office.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

May 5, 1955

Mr. H. Philip Nettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nettger:

This confirms my telephone conversation this morning about the visit of Mr. Jaipaul.

June 2-6 is a difficult time to organize much for him in Atlanta. The colleges are in Commencement; half of the Mitchell family is on a plane from San Francisco, and the other half is driving to New York. Also, most of the visit here would be a weekend when it is particularly difficult to put him in touch with helpful people.

So I offer an alternative plane. The Southern Regional Council will be having a meeting near Chapel Hill, June, 1, 2, and 3, which I think it will very interesting for Mr. Jaipaul to be part of.

We will be bringing in the white and Negro staff of ten or eleven of the state organizations in the South which SRC has lately been able to get going.

That concentrates people from the far corners of the South, all of them with their fingers right into the problem which Mr. Jaipaul will be interested in. True that the conference would have a good deal of business to go through with, but he would be very welcome at any or all of the sessions, and I should think would quickly sense from the meetings the temper of things in the South.

The actual spot is a semi-permanent camp owned by the Presbyterian Church in the central part of North Carolina. It is called Camp New Hope. About five miles from Chapel Hill. The meeting convenes at supper time, say, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1st, continues on all day June 2nd, and will be completed after a mid-day meal on Friday, June 3rd.

I daresay Harry Jones would be glad then to drive Jaipaul back to Charlotte, North Carolina with him; or if need be, I, myself, could arrange interesting weekend accomodations and company for Jaipaul, June 4, 5, and 6, among some of my North Carolina friends.

The place of our meeting is within easy reach of the Univ. of North Carolina; Duke University and North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, and with a little arranging he could get ~~more than a glimpse of those colleges and~~

probably have some time with some of the students. The required rearrangement of Jaipaul's schedule would be for him to leave his previous city (New Orleans?) in the course of June 1, and fly straight through to the Raleigh-Durham airport -- which is on Eastern Air Lines.

If this arrangement seems satisfactory, and if you will let me know just when he is to reach the Raleigh-Durham airport, I will see that he is met and brought over to our meeting place.

I, Mitchell, shall be flying from Atlanta to Raleigh-Durham airport on June 1st on Eastern Air Lines Flight 522, which leaves Atlanta at 2:05 p.m. and arrives at Raleigh-Durham at 4:08 p.m. It would be very pleasant if Jaipaul could be on that same flight and he and I could run over many things in the two hour trip up to Raleigh-Durham. But we could arrange to meet almost any flight that would suit his convenience.

In order to have all arrangements go smoothly, I would like to know as far ahead as is possible, whether this arrangement will work out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: FBR - meaning to fbr [redacted]
Mr. Harry S. Jones

May 5, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I hope it is all right to bring Mr. Jaipaul along to the New Hope gathering. We will give you confirming word as soon as we get it, but I take it altogether probable.

I would hardly expect it to suit you to be responsible for him for the whole time, June 3rd - June 8th or 9th. If you can think up some pleasant arrangement for him to be cared for over in the Chapel Hill area, June 3, 4, 5, 6, he could then come by common carrier to your ministrations in Charlotte.

The incoming letter from Mettger at the Governmental Affairs Institute in Washington spoke most highly of this young man. He is a public relations officer for the Congress Party Organization within the Indian Parliament, and so knows what goes on. Apparently, his desire is to get pretty close to Negro matters, and I was told that he expected to spend a night in the home of a Negro family in the Atlanta area.

Maybe somebody at North Carolina College at Durham, or Somebody at St. Aug's, and at Shaw, would take him over for the weekend after the conference. I am willing to work that out, but suggest that I not move into it until you tell me what you think it wise to do. Best if you worked it out, but I am willing to.

He is thirty years old, married, and a Hindu. Interested in politics, youth organizations, student groups, parliamentary procedure. I take it that he is not a full-fledged newspaper man, though he worked in that field and has had a job as a photographer-correspondent for a newspaper in Lahore.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
cc: f BR

May 5, 1955

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

I hope you can make arrangements accordingly. I talked by phone today with Mettger and he forecast acceptance of this arrangement. Be sure, also, that this correspondence reaches Mrs. Hamilton.

Will you be good enough to include in your arrangings provision for picking up the guy from the airport and getting him to the camp ground -- unless the guy is to come with me on the same flight, in which case whatever transportation can be worked out for me will tote him too.

eab/

May 5, 1955

Mr. Joseph Mire
Executive Secretary
Inter-University Labor Education Committee
1303 University Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Mire:

I am very sorry that I can't be at the meeting at Cleveland, May 24th. It is just before a meeting of my Executive Committee, and my first duty is to arrange for my own Executive Committee meeting.

This is a hard decision because I am greatly interested in what will be discussed, and have many friends who will be at the gathering.

One thing that I would like to see explored is arrangements for servicing, teacher-wise, trade-union gatherings in the South tackling current problems in race relations. One of these, of course, is the schools. But another is one for which good planning should be done now, the fair employment practices. The best way to do that job in the South is by getting the trade-unions to open their ranks and take an interest in it voluntarily. I observe lately that some trade-unions in Toronto held a fair employment practices conference, and I have written up there to find out how it went and what it did. I think my Council could sprout a wing of it that could be quite helpful in servicing such gathering in the South. Ditto for the school matter.

Each Summer, for the last several years, I have loped around like a dog with his tongue hanging out going to CIO and A.F.ofL. education programs. (Each one lasts a week!) And teaching something that generally gets called "Southern Problems." It is not right that I should be the only man in ten or a dozen states available for that job. Maybe the conference could find a way to get some college or some trade-union body in the South to employ a man who could do what I have been drafted to do. I really have other things I should be working on, but as long as nobody else appears for what I have been doing, I think it of major importance to reach the trade-unions in that way.

Any chance that in the merger of the AFofL and CIO a Southern workers education service could be set up?

The two great hopes for sound and early transition to a democratic society in the South are the churches and the unions. Neither body is organized as yet to do its job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 5, 1955

Memorandum

TO: CHP
FROM: GTH

RE: New Hope Meeting

Fred will be writing you in greater detail about the plan for the discussion period evaluating states program.

RE: Tennessee

I talked with Elsie Lewis yesterday having been unable all during the week to reach Beckman. She has had the same experience but promised to try again Wednesday night. She was going to suggest that he call a meeting and arrange ~~[illegible]~~ to have at least two members of the board from each area present (one Negro, one white) and that Miss McCulloch be invited to attend. She, Elsie, felt that it was of the utmost importance that whatever parts of the state were able to go forward should be encouraged and provided with the resources to do so. She confirmed Bonita's judgment that the office for the state should not be located in Nashville although it might be possible for the Nashville group to determine some things that they could do. She promised to let us know as soon as any final date of the meeting was arranged -- probably Saturday, the 21st of May.

May 5, 1955

Mrs. Iola Jones
711 Oakland Avenue
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It was clearly your purpose to cover one-third of my expenses for the trip to Daytona Beach, and I do hope that in accordance with my letter of April 11th you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 5, 1955

Secretary's Office
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear People:

I would be grateful for a copy of "Development of Agriculture's Human Resources, A Report on Problems of Low-income Farmers."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 5, 1955

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
Workshop Co-Director
University of Michigan
School of Education
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Walcott:

All straight about my being at your service at Ann Arbor, Tuesday, August 9th. Too soon as yet to plan the trip, but I observe and will expect to follow your suggestion of getting in at Willow Run Monday, August 8th, and leaning on your kindness for transportation to Ann Arbor and for a room at the Michigan Union for the night of August 8th. I will pay the bill at the Union.

As to the title of my contribution: I can't improve on "Constructive Approaches to Desegregation." That is it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 5, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Jr.
Darragh Company
Little Rock Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

We did get off yesterday a check to your treasury for $1200. Katherine Stoney worked through the proposed budget approvingly.

Glad Ed Stone is available and helpful to you there.

I will be glad to try to straighten out quickly whatever you write me about later on. Griswold sounds like an efficient fellow. And I believe you and he will make the Arkansas Council a bang-up job. Arkansas has a chance and a duty to lead the whole South.

Had the pleasure of seeing Brooks Hayes a week or so ago in Washington, and we both spoke warmly of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

May 5, 1955

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
1326 North West Tenth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

It is just such letters as yours of April 24th, which are most helpful to our whole purpose.

Thorwald was here yesterday and I talked with him at length, and Fred Routh and others in the office did also. Just before he came, he had been told that he was being considered for an inviting job as ~~the~~ Dean of the University of Miami with a larger salary than our job would pay. But he came up here anyway, and is interested. I did not hold the final conversation with him and do not know exactly how the matter was left, but I do know that the possibility of an arrangement with him was eagerly explored.

In my judgment he is not perfect for the job, but then few people are. He looks in the right direction, but he needs to see farther than he has seen so far. However, people can stretch their vision in a very short while, and I rather think he can stretch his. I hear that there are other candidates for the Florida position who seem quite possible.

Awkward and exceptionally slow business to get one of these groups to working well. I promise you that we here are doing all we can to hold up our end of it. But it will take the continued interest and action of yourself and friends in the state to make it work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

cc: FBR
OTH

May 6, 1955

Miss Esther Stamatz
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamatz:

I wish you might have been with us in Birmingham last week when Mrs. Tatum had the Alabama meeting on the Supreme Court decision. The representation was good both as to denominations and town. The women were timid at first but came along beautifully during the day and asked for another meeting this Fall.

Georgia has had its meeting but as both the president and the chairman of Christian Social Relations are very new the Southern Regional Council took the leadership. I think the discussion at this meeting was better than what we had in the Southwide meeting.

I hope you will be able to encourage both the president and the chairman of Christian Social Relations of Georgia to face squarely this problem of our South. South Carolina needs some help from you also.

Louisiana will have its meeting on the 19th of May. As soon as they are ready, I will send you the gleanings from these conferences.

Your coming to us in February is certainly bearing fruit. Best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

May 6, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Your suggestion to our women's meeting here in February that state councils of church women should take the lead in state meetings similar to the Southwide meeting has proven to be of great help to us.

Noreen had the Alabama meeting on May 3rd with good representation from the denominations and towns of Alabama. The women were most appreciative of the meeting and asked to have another in the Fall. It was not possible to get the Georgia Council to take the leadership because both the president and the chairman of Christian Social Relations had just come into office. But we did have a good Georgia meeting and I believe a better discussion at it than we had at the larger meeting in February.

There is one thing I'd like to tell you about both of these meetings. Georgia needed better representation from Methodist women from the south of Georgia, and the Alabama meeting was lacking in representation from the Alabama Conference. I suppose you would be aware of this anyway.

The Lousiana meeting will be on the 19th of May. We are bearing the expenses of these meetings and find it good use of money. As soon as we can get together the gleanings from these meetings, we'll send you copies.

With all the best.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

May 6, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Ashley
1611 Drake
Ocala, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

It will be entirely possible for us to finance the expenses of your state secretaries of Christion Social Relations of the various denominations, to mimeograph your workbooks, to give you funds for your speakers.

We hope, of course, you might find your speakers nearer at hand, and of course, I will make the trip myself at Council expense. Maybe when the time comes nearer, I can find some other funds for you. I do hope you will be successful in having this meeting. The Georgia meeting and the Alabama meeting held in the past two weeks have been most outstanding and I'm fully expecting the Lousiana meeting which will be on the 19th of May to measure up to these two.

I assure you I will give you all the help you need on planning the program. I have been today in a district meeting of your church here in Georgia under the direction of Mrs. Beach of Macon. It was a splendid meeting and I enjoyed it thoroughly.

With the best of wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

May 6, 1955

Mrs. J.H. Joiner
Rt. # 1, Box 5L
Maitland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Joiner:

I've delayed answering your letter awaiting the date of a state meeing in Florida so that I might make the two meetings at the same time. Now it seems the meeting will not be until some time in the Fall and when dates are set I will advise you and see if it's possible for you to have a meeting either on the day preceding or the day following the state meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

May 6, 1955

Mr. Marion Wright, Pres.
Southern Regional Council
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your nice note of April 18th.

I certainly agree that efforts to point out the cost of discriminatory practices to the economy of the South is a right field (for education). Considering the present resources of the Council, perhaps a good beginning would be a series of articles in New South.

I have passed on to Miss Doris Wilson (the Student Secretary of the National YWCA) information about the availability of facilities in the Penn Community for conference groups. I am sure that she will be grateful and hope that the grounds can be increasingly used.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf

May 6, 1955

Mrs. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Thank you so much for the clipping and the note attached. It was the first news we had received from what I knew would be a tense meeting of the Mississippi women.

I may have told you the story that the little town of Louise became very disturbed when she found the Mississippi Conference had voted favorably on the racial charter, and had secured a lawyer who had written a very strong and abusive letter about the charter and they had mailed it to every society of the Conference and to every minister. The executive group of the society has certainly been under fire since May of last year. They have been very brave about it and more patient with the opposition than women with a cause usually are. This vote was really a triumph. It gives me hope and faith in Mississippi.

I still remember the pleasant hours I had with you and Mr. Carter and I am appreciative of the courtesies shown me.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

May 6, 1955

TO: Doris Wilson
FROM: Grace T. Hamilton

Mr. Wright asked me to send you the attached leaflet describing the Penn Community Services.

He says that YWCA groups would be welcome in making use of these facilities.

I hope you can pass this information on to other groups in the Association.

Yours cordially,

Grace T. Hamilton

rnf

May 6, 1955

Mrs. Margaret W. Dagen, Ex. Dir.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Margaret:

Thanks for your good letter of April 30th.

We have all been glad to know about the St. Louis Board of Education report. We have ordered copies. If you would like to have copies of Lillian Smith's Now is the Time for distribution and/or sale, we can make them available to you. Let us know the quantity you would like to have.

I am distressed at the report that reached this office a few days ago about your resignation. I am still in hopes that some of the difficulties of the working arrangements can be resolved. The position in which you find yourself is very clear and I can understand your feelings about it. I am concentrating on the hope that there can be some correction and you will find it possible to continue. Thanks also for the copies of consultants report forms. They may be useful elsewhere.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH:rnf
Sent to Home Address

May 6, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH

RE: Nominating Committee

The information which follows may be useful to the Nominating Committee for 1955 and to whoever carries the staff responsibility for work with the 1955 Nominating Committee of SRC.

(1) The bylaws require a meeting of the Committee "at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

(2) There are two additional board vacancies for the 1954-1958 term which exist because of declinations following elections of 1954.

(3) In order that the Nominating Committee have exact information before the annual meeting of the number of places to be filled, the Committee may wish to inquire of persons whose terms expire in 1955 whether they are willing to serve another term if elected. The bylaws permit reelection for a second term. The names of board members whose terms expire are listed in the memo of the Nominating Committee, 4-18-55.

(4) The names listed below are suggestions of possible board members which have come from various sources (excluding persons nominated in 1954).

Alabama

William Kaufman, Director, Mobile Community Chest and Council.

York Wilburn. Head, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Has worked with the Southern Governors' Conference. Said to have an enlightened conservative viewpoint. Is an expert in constitutional law.

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham Alabama. Husband is a physician. Former member of the National Board of the YWCA. Presently a parttime staff member, mental hygiene association. Active in many civic groups, state and national level. (N)

Arkansas

Harry Ashmore, Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas

M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander-Smith College, Little Rock. (n)

Mrs. E.J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Member of the National Board of the YWCA, Member of State Board of Education, member of National Public Affiars Committee -- YWCA, active in many civic groups. Husband is a physician.

Florida

Georgia:

Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Niel Andrews
Mrs. Robert Macdougall, Atlanta
J. Curtis Dixson, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Alan Levy, Editorial Staff, Louisville Courier Journal

Mrs. William Heuser, 3318 Trinity Road, Louisville, Kentucky, Member, Natl. Bd. YWCA; Chairman, Council of Church Women; member of Kentucky district YWCA, rural. Husband, business man.

Louisiana

Monte Lemann, New Orleans, Attorney

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard. Elected member of the school board. Stff member -- Society for Crippled Children.

Mississippi

Purser Hewitt. Managing Editor, Jackson Clarion Ledger

North Carolina

Chester Davis, Jr., Editorial and feature writer. Winston-Salem Journal Sentinel

Dr. Raymond Wheeler, Physician, Unitarian (works regularly with Doris Duke Foundation), medical interest.

Charles Babcock, Winston Salem. Son-in-law of R.J. Reynolds.

Dr. Will Alexander. Farmer. Chapel Hill, N.C. Head, for many years, of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and a two-term Board member of the Southern Regional Council.

Don Shoemaker, Asheville. Editor of the Asheville Citizens Times. N.C.

Julian Price, Manufacturer and business executive. Greensboro, N.C.

Thomas Robinson, President-Publisher of the Charlotte News. Charlotte, N.C.

Harry L. Golden, Editor Carolina Israelite, Box 2505, Charlotte, N.C.

South Carolina

James M. Dabbs, South Carolina. Former Chairman of South Carolina Division. Mayesville.

Tennessee

Cecil Simms, Nashville, Tenn. Attorney,

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington, Va. Member National Board of YWCA, Member world Council YWCA.

Frank Price, Lexington. Former moderator Southern Presbyterians.

May 6, 1955

Mr. ,M. A. F. Ritchie
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Thank you very much for your check for five dollars to cover membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt is herewith attached.

As you probably know, the structure of the Council is somewhat changed now that our grant has made possible the establishment of state organizations with their own offices, staff and membership. Members are no longer members of the Council but of their own state organization. The Council is now the Board of Directors which has the over-all direction of the Central Office and the State Organizations.

We do continue to have interested friends in the states where there is no organization, namely outside the South. These we regard as Associates and hope that we can continue to merit their interest and support. Should any of them move into the South we would hope that he would become a member of the organization in the state in which he lives.

Thank you for your continued interest and for your gracious words. Fred Routh is out today but would, I am sure, want to send you his greetings.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

May 9, 1955

Dr. J.L. Clark
1421 Fourteenth Street
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Dr. Clark:

Many thanks for you letter of April 27th with the enclosed check for the materials which you sold at Galveston and for the information of how you distributed the remaining materials. The disposition of the material is more than satisfactory to this office: it is gratifying. We believe that the distribution of material is one of the most important aspects of our work in helping people understand the problems they face.

It was a real pleasure meeting you when I was out in Texas and we appreciate very much the interest which you have taken in the work of the Council and in the effort you have made to help bring about a more democratic South.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf

May 9, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 N. Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks a lot for the program report of the North Carolina Council. I note in it that the Charlotte Medical Society and the State Medical Association are not in rapport regarding their by-laws. I wonder if it would not help if you offered your services to the local group since the action which they have taken is in line with the policy of the North Carolina Council and SRC.

Thank you too for the minutes of the annual meeting and on going through them I note that you still list Dr. R.D. Wellons of Pembroke College as Chairman. Did he formally accept his election to this post?

I believe that you should work toward the creation of a more active Program Planning Committee with probably a majority of the members coming from the Charlotte area so that they may meet with you regularly in planning over-all program and certain details of same. The more participation that folks have in a movement such as this, the more dedication they have to it. In the times that lie ahead all of us who work in this field will need all of the support we can muster for its obvious that there are those who are interested in seeing our work fail, and if it is to succeed we must have deeply committed people working together.

Looking forward to seeing you at the New Hope meeting and will advise you in the near future as to the number of people which may be expected for that session so that a proper number of sheets, towels, etc., may be ordered in advance.

Nothing else new here, life goes on its merry treadmill way.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh

FBR:rnf

May 9, 1955

Mr. James L. Segret
Chief of Division of Parks,
Monuments and Historical Sites
Department of Conservation
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Segret:

The April issue of New South may be of special interest to you and other members of your organization.

With that thought in mind, we are sending you three copies of the publication.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC:rnf

Same letter this date to:

James L. Segret
Chief of Division of Parks, Monuments
and Historical Sites
Department of Conservation
Montgomery, Alabama

Fred Lang, Director
Division of Forestry and Parks
Little Rock, Ark.

Emmet L. Hill, Director
Florida Park Service
Board of Parks and Historical Memorials
Tallahassee, Florida

Newton A. Moye, Director
Department of State Parks
Division of Conservation
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Henry Ward
Commissioner of Conservation
Division of Parks
Department of Conservation
Frankfort, Kentucky

William W. Wells, Director
State Parks Commission
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Thomas W. Morse, Supterintendent
Division of Parks
Department of Conservation
Raleigh, North Carolina

Ernest E. Allen, Director
Division of State Parks
Planning and Resources Board
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

C. West Jacocks
State Park Director
S.C. Commission on Forestry
Colunbia, S.C.

S.C. Taylor, Director
Division of State Parks
Department of Conservation
Nashville, Tenn.

Gordon K. Shearer, Ex. Sec.
State Parks Board
Austin, Texas

James W. Craig
State Park Director
Board of Park Supervisors
Jackson, Mississippi

A.H. Nall, Park Coordinator
Mississippi Park Service
1104 Woolfolk State Office Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Randolph Odell
Commissioner, Division of Parks
Department of Conservation and
Development
Richmond, Virginia

May 9, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
The S.C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alicia,

Thanks for your letter of May 6 with the enclosed clipping. I'm amazed that the reporter so completely confused the terms segregation and desegregation but all-in-all feel it is a rather fair presentation of what was said. I'm pleased that such a good coverage did get in the paper for certainly this is an educational process and using this mass medium of communication will help bring about a widely spread knowledge of the fact that good, responsible people are meeting together seeking compliance with rather than defiance of the Supreme Court decision and the best traditions of America.

Please let me know when you are going to have that meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors. I note that you wrote Dick Foster asking him to call the meeting and think it is a very good idea.

I enjoyed being with you in Columbia and think that the meeting was very much worthwhile. People coming together as we did there do more to open communications between the two racial groups and the various segments of society than half a dozen textbooks in the bield. You are to be commended for the fine role you play in the meetings.

I think that it would be profitable for you to get the board to appoint a Program Advisory Committee or a Program Planning Committee in or near the Columbia area to work with you in planning the program of the South Carolina Council. It is unfair for one person to bear all the load, it is impossible for one person to do all the work. The more that people are participants in decision-making and execution, the deeper is their commitment to the work to be done and the organization involved.

Looking forward to seeing you at Camp New Hope in the relatively near future.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

May 9, 1955

Report on Guy Wells' Speech to Rotary Club at Millen, Georgia, May 6, 1955

I drove back from Columbia, South Carolina, with Dr. Guy H. Wells. We spent the night at Statesboro at the home of a friend of his who is a North Georgia lumber king and who, although of limited knowledge in this field, seemed interested in the work we were doing and said he thought that good people on both sides could make the transition work. The same thing was true of a friend of his with whom we talked who was a state Senator.

We proceded the next morning to Millen, Georgia, where Dr. Wells spoke to the Rotary Club (about 100 men present). He had been asked to speak about his experiences in Libya. This he did and did well and, more than this, related it to the work in the field of race relations in the South. He talked about the need of opening communications between various groups on the international level and then turned to Georgia and outlined the same need. He said that on the international level what was needed was for people of similar backgrounds to sit down together and objectively, honestly, and in a democratic manner dig into the problems they faced. He said the same thing was true regarding the problems we face in Georgia. He further pointed out that 2/3 of the world's population is non-white and bases their opinion of the U.S. to a very great degree on what we do in the field of race relations in this country and said that as we demonstrate in action our dedication to democratic principles and the equality of man they will believe in our leadership and that as we fail to demonstrate in our action our beliefs in democracy we will lose their trust and faith in us. The reaction of the crowd was enthusiastic. He said in closing, quoting from a Moslem proverb, that the future of the nation will depend upon these four things -- (1) the wisdom of the wise, (2) the justice of the great, (3) the valor of the brave and (4) the prayers of the righteous. He then said we must be brave enough to face the new situation, righteous enough to believe in democracy, wise enough to see the honesty of change, and just enough to make it a peaceful transition.

FBR

rnf

May 9, 1955

Report on South Carolina Trip
F.B. Routh
May 5, 1955

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations held a membership meeting in Columbia at the USO. The meeting was well attended by both Negroes and whites and the program was formulated on a functional basis. Among those present were the President and Executive Secretary of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, both of whom seemed rather impressed by the dignity of the meeting and the intellectual contents.

The various participants in the program all stressed what should and what could be done locally in South Carolina. What they thought was possible, varied from person to person, depending primarily on the area from which they came. There seemed to be general agreement that this exchange of information about what had been done and tried in the various areas was helpful to people from other areas and several comments such as: "Well, if they can do it there, we can certainly do it." were heard in the small discussion groups.

Attached is a copy of the program.

All in all this was a successful, purposeful meeting that had relevance to the work at hand and gave hope and encouragement to the good folks of South Carolina who were there present.

FBR

rnf

May 10, 1955

Mr. Charles G. Hamilton
Box 790
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Charles:

The folks in the Mississippi Council on Human Relations engaged a white Methodist minister from, I think, Union, Mississippi, to come and be their Executive Director, and engaged Mrs. Ruby Stutts Lyells to come and be an Associate Director. This was around January. At which point the minister backed out and Mrs. Lyells is the Director. Outfit is not as yet strong, but hopeful. Address of it is 1104 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

I would like to hear from you in some detail about matters in your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 10, 1955

Colonel Herbert W. K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

Many thanks for the News Leader clipping, and the able defense.

We heard from family friends in Ashland who said that they hadn't been able to get to the speechmaking, but if the News Leader was against what was said it must have been good.

I will settle for that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 10, 1955

Mrs. Gertrude D. Marks
Assistant Secretary
Human Relations Committee
Chicago Baha'i Community
5235 N. Winthrop Avenue
Chicago 40, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Marks:

How very kind of you to write.

I remember the visit, and I had a good time.

The biggest thing for the moment that you can do to help the Southern Regional Council is to scrape around in the treasury and turn up $10.00 or so and send it to the Southern Regional Council as a contribution. That's what we need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 10, 1955

Attorney S. S. Robinson
175 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I would be very grateful if the Gate City Bar Association would make some contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We get help from some of the foundations, from various of the church bodies, from several of the trade unions, but we get all too little money from Southern organizations. And, of course, we cherish such contributions to us more than any.

The Council is putting nearly all of its efforts these days into building public agreement with the Supreme Court's decision on the schools. I know the Bar Association receives many requests for aid, but I am confident that your membership will agree that what we do is effective and deserving of support.

I enclose the last two or three issues of our magazine as some evidence of our tendency and effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. New South, Feb., Mar., Apr., 1955

May 10, 1955

Legislative Reference Service
The Library of Congress
c/o Frederick L. Scott
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to Mr. Griffith's letter of May 6th, asking what position the Southern Regional Council is taking on the issue of racial segregation.

The Southern Regional Council, at its general meeting in 1951, adopted a statement of policy which is enclosed. I cite from it a phrase from the next to the last paragraph: "The South of the future toward which our efforts are directed. . . . is a South . . . where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed.. . ." This policy statement continues to express the Council's purpose as to segregation.

The Council is a non-political body, and we take no stand at all on particular legislative proposals. We pursue an educational program, the purpose of which is to cause all of the people of the South to recognize equal human dignity.

I send you, separately, as samples of our attitude from time to time, various issues of our magazine, New South, and, particularly, as to the schools, a publication called Answers for Action: The Schools in the South.

If we can supply further information, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South - Feb., Mar., Apr., 1955
Answers for Action
Changing Patterns in the New South
SRC 1951 Statement

May 10, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

I assume from this letter that Mr. Clement is more or less permanently transferred to New Jersey.

If that is the case we automatically lose him from the Board.

But there is no reason to be abrupt about it, and I suppose that the thing to do is to wait until say August and then inquire if he proposes to come back, and say that if not we will fill the vacant place on the Board. I have set up a tickler to remind me to do this.

In anticipation of a possible vacancy, will you so mark the material that you are putting into the files about the work of the Nominating Committee.

Encl. - incoming corres.

May 10, 1955

Mrs. Betty I. Davis
School of Social Work
Richmond Professional Institute
of the College of William and Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I had a mighty good time in Richmond, and I am grateful to you and everybody for the opportunity to be with so many friends again.

It is mighty encouraging to see the School of Social Work doing what it should.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 10, 1955

Mr. Claude Jodoim
President
Trades and Labor Congress of Canada
172 McLaren Street
Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Jodoim:

I noticed in the report that Mr. John Conners of the American Federation of Labor lately sent me an item reporting the Toronto Trades and Labor Congress' having held a Fair Practices Conference on October 31, 1954. I wrote the District Council of Toronto and told them that my group here in Atlanta was interested in the possibility of staffing trade union conferences in the South on this matter. Mr. William D. Kearns, the Secretary at Toronto, was kind enough to reply May 6th and to tell me that you had been active in the matter of combating discrimination within the labor movement in Canada, and that doubtless you could help me with further information.

I send you a leaflet about our Southern Regional Council and some recent issues of its publication. The Southern Regional Council is an independent body with no particular claim on the labor movement, but we are good friends to the labor movement and various national and international unions and both the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. give us aid, material and moral.

I am a long time friend of Eugene Forsey in your country, whom doubtless you would know.

We are exploring the matter, but we would be much helped if you could write me of Canada's experiences in working out this problem within the trade union movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., 1955
Grey leaflet

EAB — Suggest that he go in Nom. Com. [illegible]

Correct on Board

May 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

I assume from this letter that Mr. Clement is more or less permanently transferred to New Jersey.

If that is the case we automatically lose him from the Board.

But there is no reason to be abrupt about it, and I suppose that the thing to do is to wait until say August and then inquire if he proposes to come back, and say that if not we will fill the vacant place on the Board. I have set up a tickler to remind me to do this.

In anticipation of a possible vacancy, will you so mark the material that you are putting into the files about the work of the Nominating Committee.

5/11/55

To = G.S.M.
From - G.T.H. — The memo to you of 5/6/55 — records all arrangements which I have in exploring Bd terms & suggestions for replacements. Suggest that he be attended (adds another vacancy) to be considered when nominating com'tee meets.

Encl. - incoming corres.

AN ANALYSIS of SRC BOARD BY STATE & RACE

	Elected Bd — White	Elected Bd — Negro	SRC Officers White	SRC Officers Negro	Ex. Officio & State Rep. White	Ex. Officio & State Rep. Negro
Alabama	~~1~~	~~1~~ 3			1	1
Arkansas	1	1			~~1~~	
Florida	1	1			1	
Georgia	~~1~~ 6	5		1*	3	1
Kentucky	1	1			1	
Louisiana	1	1		1	1	
Mississippi	~~1~~	1			1	
Oklahoma	1					
N. Carolina	4	1	1		1	
S. Carolina	3	1			1	1
Tennessee	3	2	1		1	
Texas	4	2	1		1	
Virginia	1	2	1		1	
	29	18	2-~~4~~ 5		14	3
	45		6		17	

Total Bd: 67 members by position
*66 actual people.

Dr. RE Clement holds two positions.

occupational analysis —

atty:	9	Church leaders	3
Businessmen	10	Editor Publisher	4
Civic leaders	5	Educators	21
Clergymen	11	Labor leader	1
		Social wkrs.	2

add to the typed list the following people — in proper alphabetical order.

~~Ashmore, Harry #~~	~~Editor~~	~~Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock Ark~~
Brooke, Rev. W.C. #	Clergyman ~~Minister~~	Box 208 Staunton, Va
Dunlap, Davisson #	atty	Barnett Bldg. Jacksonville, Fla
Foster, Richard #	atty	Box 1325 Greenville SC
Mitchell, George S. #	Ex. Dir	SRC - 63 Auburn Ave. Atlanta
Russel, Rev. Leon #	Clergyman ~~Minister~~	1st Methodist Church, Rocky Mt. NC
Richardson, Dr HU 55	Educ.	Gamon Theo. Seminary, Atlanta
Smith Rev. Emmett #	Clergyman ~~Minister~~	Rm. 202, 109 W. Grace St, Richmond
Twomey, Rev. LJ #	~~Priest~~ Clergyman	Loyola U. New Orleans, La.
Whitsett, Rev. Dan #	Clergyman ~~Minister~~	1st Meth. Church, Sylacauga, Ala

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL — ATLANTA, GEORGIA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B 55	Attorney	Healey Bldg, Atlanta, Georgia
Atwood, Dr. R B 57	Educator	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.
Barbare, Dr. Ralph 55	Educator	Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill, S. C.
Bates, Mrs. W F 55	Church Leader	125 Atkins Street, Little Rock Arkansas
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra M 57	Attorney	864 Hunter Street, S. W., Atlanta, Ga.
Bond, Ulysses S 57	Businessman	Madison, Arkansas
Braseal, Dr. B R %	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
Christopher, Paul R 55	Labor Leader	216 Flatiron Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.
Clary, Rev. G E #	Clergyman	Southeastern Jurisdiction, Methodist Church, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
Clement, A J 55	Insurance Exec	Station A, Box 36, Charleston, S. C.
Clement, Dr. R E 57 *	Educator	Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia
Clingman, Rt. Rev. Charles 57	Bishop	421 S. Second Street, Louisville, Ky.
Coker, James L 55	Manufacturer	Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C.
Crate, Mrs. James S #		2410 Inwood Drive, Houston 19, Texas
Davidson, Herbert M 55	Editor	Daytona Beach NEWS JOURNAL Daytona Beach, Florida
Dent, Dr. A W *	Educator	Dillard University, New Orleans, La.
Duncan, O. D. 55	Professor	Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Okla.
Friedman, S Thomas 57	Social Worker	Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council, Houston, Texas
Gomillion, Dr. C G 55	Educator	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Griffin, John A 55	Professor	Emory University, Georgia
Haas, Leonard #	Attorney	Haas-Howell Building, Atlanta, Georgia
~~Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T 57~~	~~Executive~~	~~Atlanta Urban League, 239 Auburn Ave. N.E.~~ Atlanta, Georgia
Hancock, Dr. Gordon B *	Educator	P. O. Box 6056, Richmond 22, Virginia
Johnson, Dr. Charles S 55	Educator	Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tenn.
Johnson, Dr. Guy B 57	Professor	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Lanier, Dr. R O'Hara 55	Educator	Texas Southern University, Houston, Tex.
Looby, Dr. E A 57	Attorney	419 Fourth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn.
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles #	Clergyman	808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mays, Dr. B E 57	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
McCann, John 57	Businessman	231 Baronne Street, New Orleans, La.
McDowell, Dr. E A 55	Professor	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Wake Forrest, North Carolina
Milner, Dr. Clyde 55	Educator	Guilford College, North Carolina
Milton, L D 57	Banker	Citizens Trust Company, 212 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia
Moron, Dr. A G 57	Educator	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mynders, Alfred *	Editor	The Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tenn.
~~Parrish, Dr. C H 55~~	~~Professor~~	~~University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.~~
Paul, Mrs. Marion %	civic leader	2324 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.
Penick, Rt. Rev. E. A. 55	Bishop	802 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C.
Rayzor, Mrs. J N 55	Civic Leader	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Texas
Reddix, Dr. J L 57	Educator	Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi
Richards, Dr. J M 55 (Richardson)	Educator	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.
Robinson, Mrs. E U 57	Church Leader	675 North Waters Street, Gallatin, Tenn.
Shean, Rev. M V, C O 55	Clergyman	Box 895, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Shaw, Charles A 57	Insurance Exec	Watchtower Life Insurance Company 2206 Dowling Street, Houston, Texas
Smith, J. Edwin 55	Attorney	505 Scanlan Building, Houston, Texas
~~Spearman, Mrs. E H 55~~	~~Church Leader~~	~~1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C.~~
Stroud, Mrs. Tommie 57	Civic Leader	3225 Maple Avenue, Waco, Texas
Syts, Miss Florence 55	Professor	Tulane School of Social Work New Orleans, Louisiana
Thomas, Judge L E 56	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida
Tillman, Mrs. J/Fount 55	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tennessee
Turnipseed, Rev A S 55	Clergyman	301 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama
Trenholm, Dr. H. C. %	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama
Tydings, J M #	Executive	808 Starks Building, Louisville, Kentucky
Weiss, Morton 57	Businessman	182 Marietta Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
Wesley, Carter *	Publisher	P. O. Box 3086, Houston 1, Texas
Wheeler, John H 57	Banker	Mechanics and Farmers Bank Durham, North Carolina
Wilkins, Miss Josephine 57	Civic Leader	Athens, Georgia
Williams, Paul D 57	Businessman	3320 Gloucester Road, Richmond, Virginia
Wright, M A *	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, North Carolina
Young, Thomas W 57	Publisher	JOURNAL & GUIDE, Norfolk, Virginia

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Symbols -
* SRC officer
# Ex-officio
% State representative

55 - 2 yr. Elected member
57 - 4 yr. Elected member

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May 10, 1955

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
District Manager
North Carolina Mutual
Life Insurance Company
702 High Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Clement:

That was certainly mighty kind of you to write May 5th.

We will miss you from this part of the world. Come back!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
DURHAM · NORTH CAROLINA

A. J. CLEMENT, JR., DIST. MGR.
702 HIGH STREET
NEWARK, N. J.

5 May 55.

Dr.George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta,Georgia.

MAY 7 1955

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Have just read your report covering the first few months in this year and must say I am impressed with the the total work accomplished.

Even though I have been transferred from the immediate area of the Southern Regional Council's work I am finding that its program is definitely needed in sections above the Mason-Dixon Line.

May you and your staff continue to help to make the democratic way as practical as humanly possible.

Sincerely,

A.J.Clement,Jr.

"No Home Complete Without North Carolina Mutual Policies"

May 10, 1955

Mr. Earl C. Chatfield, Jr.
Roper Hall
The American University
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatfield:

On your general proposal read the book by V. O. Key done about four years ago on Southern politics.

On the specific questions:

1. What does SRC do? I send you some publications which if studied should give you some of the answers.

2. Nobody knows the answer to number 2. Food for thought in the fact that in November, 1954, when we had a state constitutional amendment up enabling the abolition of the public schools in the event of orders for integration the amendment only carried by a slim majority. You can dig up the facts in your newspaper files. Still, if you ask quite the majority of the white people whether they are for integration in the public schools they would say no. But that is unfair because if you had asked farmers in 1620 if they were in favor of Cadillacs, they would have said no too. They never saw a Cadillac. And nobody white in Georgia ever saw an integration.

As to which groups are for and against, that takes a lot of arguing. A lot of preachers don't mind and a lot of church people don't mind, and a lot of school teachers don't mind. And some enlightened businessmen and bankers don't mind much. And some trade union guys don't mind. But I think most white people in all these groups would mind. Maybe they wouldn't after they had had a ride in the Cadillac.

3. Yes, it will certainly come into politics for a while to come. How effective a political issue will it be? Dreadfully effective.

The Atlanta Constitution and the Atlanta Journal, I should think, each keep a Washington correspondent in your city. I suppose they both claim to know about Georgia. Why don't you hunt them out and make them tell you?

Clarence Mitchell in the Washington office of the NAACP could help you too.

Sincerely,

P. S. If you can rake up around 50¢ for the pamphlets, you ought to send it to us.

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:

Grey leaflet
Policy statement
Fund for the Republic release
SRC publications list
Answers for Action
New South, Feb., Mar., April, 1955

Air Mail
Special Delivery

May 10, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Please draw me a small map indicating the location of Camp New Hope and place on the map Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh. Sketch in the roads that lead between the various points; indicate whether they are state highways, Federal highways and their numbers, e.g., US-1 and/or NC-32.

Please get this off by return mail for I want to send it out in the memo to the state people so that those who drive may know how to get there.

In haste,

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rn

May 10, 1955

Dr. Jack H. Whittington
Brewster Hospital
1640 Jefferson Street
Jacksonville 9, Florida

Dear Dr. Whittington:

Thank you for your note of May 6th, requesting the addresses of Dr. Will Alexander and Dr. Leslie (?) Weatherford.

Listed below are both.

Dr. Will Alexander
New Hope Farm
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dr. W.D. Weatherford
Black Mountain, N.C.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

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Executive Director

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May 10, 1955

HCF

The letter of April 19th is evidence that the Charlottesville and Albermarle Ministerial Association has been integrated for more than eight years.

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encl. corres from Mr. Ellis O'Neal, Jr.

May 11, 1955

Mr. George Guernsey
C.I.O.
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Guernsey:

Here is an attempt at the information which Mr. Cornbluh requested of Dr. Mitchell.

Included are (1) three New South articles describing legislative misapportionment in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. (2) A brief screed on instances of voluntary integration in the South and an issue of New South listing desegregated institutions of higher learning in the region. (3) Some mimeographed material setting forth the laws and constitutional amendments passed by Southern states to evade the Supreme Court decision. (4) An editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser (reprinted in New South) and a New South article by Dean John T. Fey of the George Washington Law School giving the legal basis on which the circumventing measures will probably be held unconstitutional.

I hope this assortment gives you what you need. If not, let me know and we'll try some more.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

enclosures: New South, April 1949
" " May-June 1949
" " July 1949
" " April 1955
" " February 1955
" " September 1954
Voluntary Integration in the South (typewritten)

mimeo: Constitutional Amendments
Bills and Resolutions Pertaining to Segregation Introduced in the Georgia General Assembly, Jan. 55.
Excerpts from Report of Alabama Interim Legislative Committee on Segregation in the Public Schools

Return for file

VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION IN THE SOUTH

Despite the controversy over school segregation, there are hundreds of examples of quiet integration in Southern communities. Most of them never make the headlines. Here from the files of the Southern Regional Council is some of the evidence of this little-recognized progress.

Negroes on Public Bodies

In at least thirteen Southern towns and cities, Negroes have been elected to the city council or board of aldermen. Negroes are serving on the school boards of 14 cities in the region, and on the state school boards of Maryland, Kentucky, and North Carolina. Several cities have Negro representation on their city Democratic executive committees and their local planning commissions. Most of the successful Negro candidates were supported by a substantial number of white voters.

Integration in Parochial Schools

Most Catholic institutions of higher learning and parochial schools in such "border" states as Missouri and Delaware have been admitting both races for several years. But since the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, the practice has spread to parochial schools further south. Negro and white children now attend Catholic elementary or secondary schools together in

such cities as Richmond, Raleigh, Rock Hill (S.C.), Little Rock, Nashville, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Austin and Amarillo. Other dioceses, like New Orleans, are planning to drop racial barriers in their schools once the Supreme Court has handed down its decrees in the public school cases.

Integration in Private Colleges

Private institutions of higher learning -- particularly those that are church-related -- have been desegregating at an increasing rate during recent years. This is all the more significant in that these institutions are not legally affected by court rulings, but have opened their doors voluntarily. As of February of this year, some 60 private colleges, seminaries, and universities -- formerly all-white -- were admitting Negro students.

Professional Associations

As early as 1950, there was a clear-cut trend toward integration in Southern state associations of doctors, lawyers, nurses, and librarians; the social workers were already open to both races in all thirteen of the Southern states. Today Negro doctors are admitted to full membership in eight Southern state medical associations, and to "scientific" (non-voting) membership in two others. Nurses' associations are non-segregated in all but one of the Southern states, lawyers' associations in six, and librarians'

associations in six. Although the exact number is not known, local ministerial associations in scores of Southern cities are interracial, as are most of the existing state councils of churches.

City Employees

A survey of 16 Southern cities in 1951 found a total of 6500 Negro municipal employees. Many of these, of course, held menial, unskilled jobs, but the range of skills and professions represented by the Negro employees was surprising. Over 110 different job classifications above the unskilled level were filled by Negroes in one or more of the 16 cities. Included were foreman, painter, bricklayer, social worker, physician, municipal judge, stenographer, cashier, and bailiff.

Two of the municipal jobs most actively sought by Negroes -- because of their key role in protecting the community -- are policeman and fireman. In the past ten years the employment of Negro policemen has changed from a daring innovation to an accepted practice in most of the South. Today 147 cities in 13 Southern states employ a total of 832 policemen and policewomen. The employment of Negro firemen is much more limited, but is spreading rapidly. As of this date, 13 Southern cities employ a total of 142 Negro firemen, at least twelve of whom are officers.

Community Chests and Councils

A survey just completed by the Atlanta Urban League shows increasing representation of Negroes on the boards of community chests and councils in the South. It also documents the fact that, in larger cities at least, the trend is away from the separate Negro fund-raising division and toward an integrated campaign organization. Out of 26 Southern and border-state cities surveyed, Negroes were represented on community chest boards in 18 and on planning council boards in 20. Fourteen of the 26 cities reported that they maintained no separate Negro division in their annual campaigns, and 17 reported that Negroes are invited to campaign rallies, report meetings, and dinners.

Public Libraries

In the light of the Supreme Court's school decision, the "separate but equal" principle in public libraries will probably be ruled out. But even before the school decision, a number of Southern cities had opened their formerly all-white libraries to Negroes. As of January 1954, Negroes had free use of the main public library in 62 towns and cities in the South. Twenty-four more communities gave limited service to Negroes at the main library, and 11 admitted Negro patrons to one or more branches. These numbers can be expected to rise sharply in the years just ahead.

May 11, 1955

Miss Luella Hawkins, Librarian
Savannah State College
State College Branch
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Miss Hawkins:

Mr. Fleming asked me to answer your letter inquiring about community services offered by college libraries and literacy rates by county. I am sorry to be so slow in answering, but I have been out of the office a great deal in the past two weeks.

We do not have any information on library facilities in colleges that are extended to the community. I am sure you have already written the Atlanta University Library School, but if you have not, they would probably be the best central source of information.

As for information on literacy by county, I think the nearest thing to what you want can be found in Table 3, "Selected Data for All Counties," County and City Data Book, 1952 (A Statistical Abstract Supplement). This is a U. S. Bureau of the Census publication, released by the U. S. Government Printing Office, 1953. Table 3 gives median school years completed by persons 25 years and over, the percent completing less than five grades and the percent completing high school or more in each state, by county. I am not familar with any census publications released thus far which give any more detailed information on school achievement. You might check with Mrs. Cawthorn, U. S. Department of Commerce, Regional Field Office, Peachtree 8th St. Building, Atlanta, Ga., if the data in the County and City Data Book does not fill your need.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

May 11, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your most kind letter, and for the check.

If AJC members throughout the South will play their proper part, the whole country will be a lot further along the way to peaceful integration in the public schools. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity of urging that course on those who were present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, '55

Mrs. R. C. Wallace
1116 McGhee Street
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Wallace,

When your letter came in this morning I put in a 'phone call for you at once, but thus far into the day you've not been there, and I hasten to get this letter to you by to-night's mail.

Dismally I am promised, months ago, to be at a meeting of Methodist women (some sort of nationwide seminar) in New York August 2, 3, and 4, and that I'll have to stick to. And I'm due, though less urgently, at Montreat, N.C., for the Southern Presbyterians August 5. When I talked with Miss Daniel, at Jackson, I would certainly have said that I was away from my calendar, and subject to what might be on it, I would be delighted and honored to go out to the Convention in Sanfrancisco. But the calendar rules, and there it is.

As others to be candidates, I suggest any of three:

Marion A. Wright, Pres. of S.R.C. Lives at L[illegible]nville Falls, N.C. (hardly reachable by 'phone). South Carolinian, white, lawyer who has given up practice (though by no means elderly), straight and right on all these matters, forceful speaker, eloquent.

Ben. D. Segal. Quaker, lately concerned for a year's fellowship in England to improve the relationship between British and U. S. trade unionism, and now employed by the Fund for the Republic on one of their current studies. Much Southern experience, including work for the textile workers Union (CIO) at Lynchburg, Va. Eloquent speaker, simple, direct, good. Address, Fund for the Republic, 1 East 54th St.

Fred Routh, of this office. Floridian, taught for some years at University of Miami, white, human relations expert, studied it at N.Y.U., masterful speaker, straight guy, actually doing the job of working up, with C. H. Parrish of Louisville, these new State organiztions for S.R.C. Man about 30 years old.

Fred would of course go on the same terms as for GSM; expenses and some contribution to SRC. I assume Marion Wright would be the same. Segal is not connected with us, (except by marriage to a sister-in-law of our Treasurer!) and you would need to strike your own bargain with him.

My guess would be Routh, but these three and many more could well do the job.

I would have a good time going, if I could, and I am disappointed that it won't work out. We consider AKA a friend of ours, and I would like to do that pleasant trip to show it again!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/gsm!

May 12, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crittenden
Hayes Barton
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet and Chris:

Mighty kind of you, but what I want is that you get somebody else to take care of the honorable gentleman. You will find it pretty taxing to all questions and do all desired toting.

Here is what was sent me about Jaipaul.

He is due in Washington on Monday, June 6th. He and I will attend to notifying Washington of when he is to arrive in Washington.

I will expect to send or deliver the man to your door in the course of Friday afternoon, June 3rd. Early, rather than late.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: - Statement re Jaipaul
dtd 4/28/55

May 12, 1955

Mr. Walter P. Reuther
President
United Auto Workers
Congress of Industrial Organizations
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

How very greatly UAW helps us with the gift of $1,000!

We are coming toward the end of a budget year and are pinched for funds. You can imagine the appreciation with which the check was received!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - SRC official receipt

May 12, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

The man Jaipaul who will attend our conference at Camp New Hope (incidentally, just Jaipaul, no first name, no last name) will be arriving at the Raleigh-Durham airport at 1:24 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1st, coming from Washington on Eastern Air Lines Flight 527.

I trust that you will see that he is picked up at the airport and taken over to the Camp.

The Governmental Affairs Institute informs me that as Jaipaul has a $12.00 per diem travel allowance, he can certainly cover the cost of his stay at the Camp.

While I hope to attend to the matter myself, it should be known to you and to others that Jaipaul will have with him a plane ticket from Charlotte to Washington, which should be changed from Charlotte to one from Raleigh-Durham to Washington.

I have arranged for friends in Raleigh to be responsible for Jaipaul's entertainment Friday night, June 3rd, and Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th. I assume Jaipaul will go back to Washington from Raleigh-Durham airport, Sunday, June 5th, or possibly, June 6th.

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May 12, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I have had further conversation with the Governmental Affairs Institute about the man Jaipaul, who cometh to the New Hope Camp occasion.

The Institute so warmly appreciated your kindness to Mr. Karayalar that they thought they should not burden your welcome mat so soon again. In ~~that~~ the event, my friends Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crittendon have arranged to undertake hospitality for Jaipaul in the Raleigh area for the weekend following the New Hope Camp.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 12, 1955

Dictated May 11

Mr. H. Phillip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

This is more about Mr. Jaipaul.

The problem was the most interesting hospitality to offer him for the weekend period, Friday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 5th.

I have been in touch with long-time friends in Raleigh, and I hear from the husband that the wife has arranged what she is satisfied is emminently suitable and enjoyable hospitality. The friend of the wife's is named something, whose name for the moment is not known to the husband! My friends are Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crittenden. Their address, Hayes Barton, Raleigh. Chris is the State Archivist for North Carolina, and is a most knowledgeable fellow.

My arrangement with the Crittendens is that I am to bring Jaipaul to their home on Friday afternoon, June 3rd. And whatever arrangements the Crittendens have made will then unroll. You may be satisfied that any arrangements they have made will be pleasant. I have sent to the Crittendens details about Jaipaul.

Jaipaul, I assume, will, in the course of Sunday evening, June 5th, make his way by plane or train to Washington. He and I will be at pains to notify you as to when and where and how he will arrive in Washington.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. Since dictating this, your kind letter of May 10th has come in. Still all straight! I will expect to arrange for Jaipaul's return to Washington, Monday, June 6th. And we will be responsible for helping him get the tickets swapped, etc.

Out out-of-pocket expenses in our end of the arrangings for Jaipaul amount to no more than two telephone calls to Washington and to Raleigh. A fair and modest estimate of the telephoning will be $5.00, and if the Institute can grind out a check in that amount to the Southern Regional Council, the Southern Regional Council would be grateful. I did not propose this, but you so kindly did.

We have noted that Jaipaul can be expected to chip in his normal share of the daily cost for those who come to the Camp -- it will be quite small.

May 12, 1955

Mr. Joe R. Hoffer
Executive Secretary
National Conference of Social Work
345 East Forty-Sixth Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hoffer:

You wrote me March 24th that my talk before the General Session in San Francisco, May 30th, ought to be in your hands by May 16th.

Here it is.

We sent you earlier a biographical sketch and a photo.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 13, '55

Dear Mr. Cooke,

Here's a rough copy of a one-page speechlet. Sorry it's rough, but your secretary will have to retype to cut the stencil, and as I am secretaryless to-day, I let her have the job!

George Mitchell started out in Richmond, Virginia, and went to school there and in South Carolina and Delaware and Maryland. College in Richmond, Baltimore, and Oxford. Taught six years at Columbia College, in New York, then worked for the New Deal for ten years (mostly in thing agricultural) had a year and a half with the CIO-PAC, and has been working for the Southern Regional Council for the last ten years. Passes as a student of the South, and offers advice on how things ought to be!

I'll be on hand, bright and early.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Mailed 5/15 to:

State Staff
State Chairmen
Kentucky Consultants
Executive Committee

Also: Dr. W.H. Brown
Dr. A. Rose
Dr. J. Pierce
Miss Mgr McCulloch
Dr. R.O. Johnson

Southern Re[illegible]C.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[illegible]A

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO: Professional Staff of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC and Kentucky Consultants.

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

We believe that you will find the enclosed "St. Louis Story" interesting and helpful. It is an account of how sound adiminstrative procedures, reinforced by the supporting action of community organizations, have made progress toward integration of the St. Louis public schools possible. Other copies of this record may be secured from the St. Louis Board of Education at 20¢ per copy.

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SRC Newsletter

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 63 Auburn, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

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* * * PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEETING * * *

The semi-annual meeting of all state professional staff (the Executive Director and the Associate Director or Chief Consultant) will take place from before supper Wednesday, June 1st, til after lunch Friday, June 3rd, at Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill, N.C. A detailed memo on the meeting has already been mailed.

* * * SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS * * *

The Southern Education Reporting Service (P.O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee) has announced that effective July 1, 1955 there will be a $2.00 one-year or $3.75 two-year subscription fee for Southern School News. This is one of the most important sources of reliable information in the South. Don't let your subscription expire.

Several of our state organizations get mentioned regularly in Southern School News and are to be commended for their good sense of public relations and information. You are all urged to contact the SERS correspondent in your state and to keep him informed of the activities of your organization. Listed below are the SERS representatives in the various states.

ALABAMA
William H. McDonald, Editorial Writer, Montgomery Advertiser

ARKANSAS
Thomas D. Davis, Asst. City Editor, Arkansas Gazette

FLORIDA
Bert Collier, Staff Writer Miami Herald

GEORGIA
Joseph B. Parham, Editor, The Macon News

KENTUCKY
Weldon James, Editorial Writer, Louisville Courier-Journal

LOUISIANA
Mario Fellom, Political Reporter, New Orleans Item

MISSISSIPPI
Kenneth Toler, Mississippi Bureau, Memphis Commercial-Appeal

NORTH CAROLINA
Jay Jenkins, Staff Writer, Raleigh News & Observer

SOUTH CAROLINA
W.D. Workmen Jr., Special Correspondent, Columbia, S.C.

TENNESSEE
James Elliott, Staff Writer, Nashville Banner
Wallace Westfeldt, Staff Writer Nashville Tennessean

TEXAS
Richard M. Morehead, Austin Bureau, Dallas News

VIRGINIA
Overton Jones, Editorial Writer, Richmond Times-Dispatch

* * * MONTHLY REPORTS * * *

The monthly reports from the state organizations are not coming in as they should. Monthly reports should be mailed from your office on the first of the following month.

TWO reports are required. They are:

1. A financial report to Katherine Stoney, SRC Secretary-Treasurer, on special form provided by the Central Office on money collected, expended, New South subscriptions, etc., etc.

2. A narrative report on the activities of the organization and its staff. Meetings held, projects done, people contacted, and any significant event in the state in the area of race relations.

* * * NEW SOUTH * * *

Is New South meeting your needs? Does it help you in your work in the state? How can it be improved? If you have any comments or suggestions about New South write to Harold Fleming; he is anxious to make New South even better.

May 16, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen, Ex. Dir.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
1319 Heyburn Building
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

This is your formal invitation to the New Hope Camp meeting for SRC state professional staff people. Your attendance will not only benefit you in your work but will add to the value of the conference.

We would like to have as many of the consultants from Kentucky attend as is possible but at least two of them in addition to yourself. I am enclosing in this letter three complete sets of information about the meeting so that you may have one for yourself and two for the consultants. Which two (or more), of course, would be the decision of the Kentucky Executive Committee and the availibility of the individuals involved.

We are looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions better write or call. We believe the exchange of experiences and the pooling of knowledge which will be possible will help state staff personnel in the coming year's work.

Please let us know at once on the enclosed air mail card if you and the consultants are coming.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh

May 16, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Moore Building -- Room 206
South Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

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We believe the exchange of experiences and the pooling of knowledge which will be possible will help you in the coming year's work.

Please let us know advance on the enclosed air mail card if you are coming.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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Same letter this date to

Robert Hughes
Dr. Pierce

Nat Griswold
Christopher Mercer

Guy Wells
Lucius Pitts

Milton Vigo

Ruby Lyells

Harry Jones

Alice Spearman

Tom Sutherland

Southern Re[redacted]C.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[redacted]A

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 16, 1955

TO: All State Professional Staff

FROM: Frederick B. Routh
Assistant for State Organization

RE: Semi-annual State Professional Staff Meeting

The semi-annual state professional staff meeting will be held at Camp New Hope, located six miles north of Chapel Hill and ten miles southwest of Durham, N.C., from before supper Wednesday, June 1st till after lunch Friday, June 3rd.

The state Executive Director and the Associate Director (or chief consultant in states using this method) are expected to attend. Travel funds from state budgets may be used for this purpose. No funds are available from the Central Office for state staff for this travel expense.

Professional staff should, with consultation with state executive committees or officers, complete in writing and bring with them for presentation and discussion answers to the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of the organization for which you work? (Define in own terms.)

2. How is this purpose manifested in your work in the state?

3. In terms of this purpose what are the functions as you see them of:

   (a) the Board of Directors,
   (b) the Executive and/or Program Planning Committee,
   (c) the professional staff?

Enclosed for your consideration in answering these questions is the Criteria for Evaluation of State Programs and the SRC Statement of Purpose.

Tentative schedule for meeting:

Wednesday - June 1

Afternoon -- Arrival and registration.

6:00 p.m. -- Supper.

7:30-9:30 p.m. -- General session with answers to above questions given orally by state staff people.

Thursday - June 2

8:00 a.m. -- Breakfast.

9:00 a.m. -- Mitchell, Parrish and Routh will serve as a panel to give "critique" on reports presented previous evening.

11:00 a.m. -- Mrs. Tilly on work with church women.

12:00 a.m. -- Luncheon.

2:00 p.m. -- Meeting with W.W. Alexander.

6:00 p.m. -- Supper at camp.

Evening -- Free for informal exchange of information, etc.

Friday - June 3

8:00 a.m. -- Breakfast.

9:00 a.m. -- Harold Fleming and John Constable. Practicum on information and public relations, questions and answers.

11:00 a.m. -- Katherine Stoney on financial reporting, budgetary matters, etc., questions and answers.

12:00 a.m. -- Luncheon.

End of Conference.

Remember it's a country camp. Dress is casual. Weather is mild, 65'-85'. Bedding, towels, etc., will be provided by camp at small cost. Swimming and fishing is possible.

Let me know by May 25 if you need transportation from air port or train station in to camp. We'll meet you and carry you out. Same when you leave.

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The South of the Future

A Statement of Policy and Aims of the Southern Regional Council December 12, 1951

EIGHT years ago, the Southern Regional Council was born out of the conscience and high resolve of a democratic nation at war. Today, in another period of international tension, we are faced with a renewed challenge to provide leadership and direction in a troubled region. It is essential that we assess clearly and wisely the role that the Southern Regional Council is to perform in this critical time.

We do not believe in the exclusive validity of any single approach or any single organization. There is not only room, but a desperate need for a wide variety of programs concerned with broadening democracy through legal, economic, legislative, religious, and educational means. Moreover, such programs are needed on all levels — national, regional, state, and local. Every group, like every individual, should chart its course with due regard for the special contribution it is fitted to make.

THE ROLE APPROPRIATE to the Southern Regional Council is evident in its origin and make-up. The Council's main asset is and has always been the people of the South who understand and want the full practice of democracy, and who at the same time know intimately the old evils that burden the South, and their causes. From such people is the Council's membership drawn. They have wanted a regional organization, not out of any provincial desire to separate the South's problems from the nation's, but out of the conviction that such an organization has unique advantages. It can express the best and often neglected elements of Southern

thought and conscience; it can serve as a convincing demonstration of Southerners working together as fellow citizens without regard to race; and it can tap local resources and initiative often inaccessible to agencies outside the region.

The Council seeks to be a practical organization, emphasizing working solutions rather than spectacular pronouncements. Indeed, that philosophy is basic to an organization which hopes to open closed minds and substitute reason for prejudice.

The Council, by its very nature, is not a "mass pressure" organization. The number of persons in the South who are able and willing to reject the taboos on interracial effort in their own communities is growing, but it has not yet reached mass proportions. Meanwhile, the Council's membership can function effectively as enlightened citizens acting through the civic life of their communities in behalf of our common principles. Their methods are the established ones of conference, fact-finding, and persuasion.

The Council takes no part in political activity. However, it can and does consult with public agencies and officials and makes its influence felt for truly representative government.

THE COUNCIL'S FUNCTIONS may be briefly summed up as follows:

To serve as a meeting ground for citizens of all races, occupations, and religious persuasions.

To present the facts about the region, and their implications, through newspapers, radio, magazines, pamphlets, and other public media.

To counteract appeals to prejudice and violence by demagogues, professional bigots, and hate organizations.

To provide a program adaptable to local need in both the relatively backward and the relatively advanced areas of the South.

To translate appropriate research findings from universities and other centers to the practical situations with which the action program will be concerned.

To give special emphasis to the development of leadership among promising young Southerners of all races.

To convene, by interest group, key persons in the various fields of Southern life, so that steps to genuine integration may be representatively agreed upon.

To stimulate local initiative to work for local solutions in full democracy, so that legislation and judicial rulings may be translated into justice for the individual in his everyday life.

The basic machinery necessary to enable the Council to work effectively at these tasks is: (1) trained, competent, professional persons of both races working in each Southern state as agents of improvement in public life; and (2) staff in a central office of the Council to direct and service the field people.

THE DECLARED PURPOSE of the Southern Regional Council is "to attain through research and action the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region." This objective has lost none of its timeliness since it was first adopted. Although the past eight years have brought notable progress in the South, the job remaining is a vast one, and the pressures of national and international events demand an even speedier advance. Many of our institutions continue to make unfair and unwarranted distinctions between citizens solely on the basis of race. Outmoded traditions, unjustified fears, and ancient prejudices continue to exact a heavy toll on the unity, productiveness, and integrity of our society.

It is the ultimate hope and aim of the Council that it may help in bringing solution to regional problems that transcend the question of race — problems economic, social, ethical, which affect impartially people of all races. But, for the present, the unique liability under which the South labors arises out of an unreasoning racial disharmony. The first task of informed and conscientious Southerners is to strive

to create here the atmosphere in which artificial distinctions and discriminations based upon race will no longer persist. Only when that goal has been attained will the energies of enlightened men be fully released for the great task of realizing all our potential resources, natural and human.

THE SOUTH OF THE FUTURE, toward which our efforts are directed, is a South freed of stultifying inheritances from the past. It is a South where the measure of a man will be his ability, not his race; where a common citizenship will work in democratic understanding for the common good; where all who labor will be rewarded in proportion to their skill and achievement; where all can feel confident of personal safety and equality before the law; where there will exist no double standard in housing, health, education, or other public services; where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed; where, above all, every individual will enjoy a full share of dignity and self-respect, in recognition of his creation in the image of God.

Equal opportunity, truly defined, includes all this and more. We have no illusion that it can be realized in the South quickly or easily or perfectly. Nor do we imagine that the Southern Regional Council can play more than a modest but creditable part toward its achievement. Yet it is the ideal toward which we strive and, short of which, we have a duty to remain dissatisfied. For it is nothing less than the American ideal.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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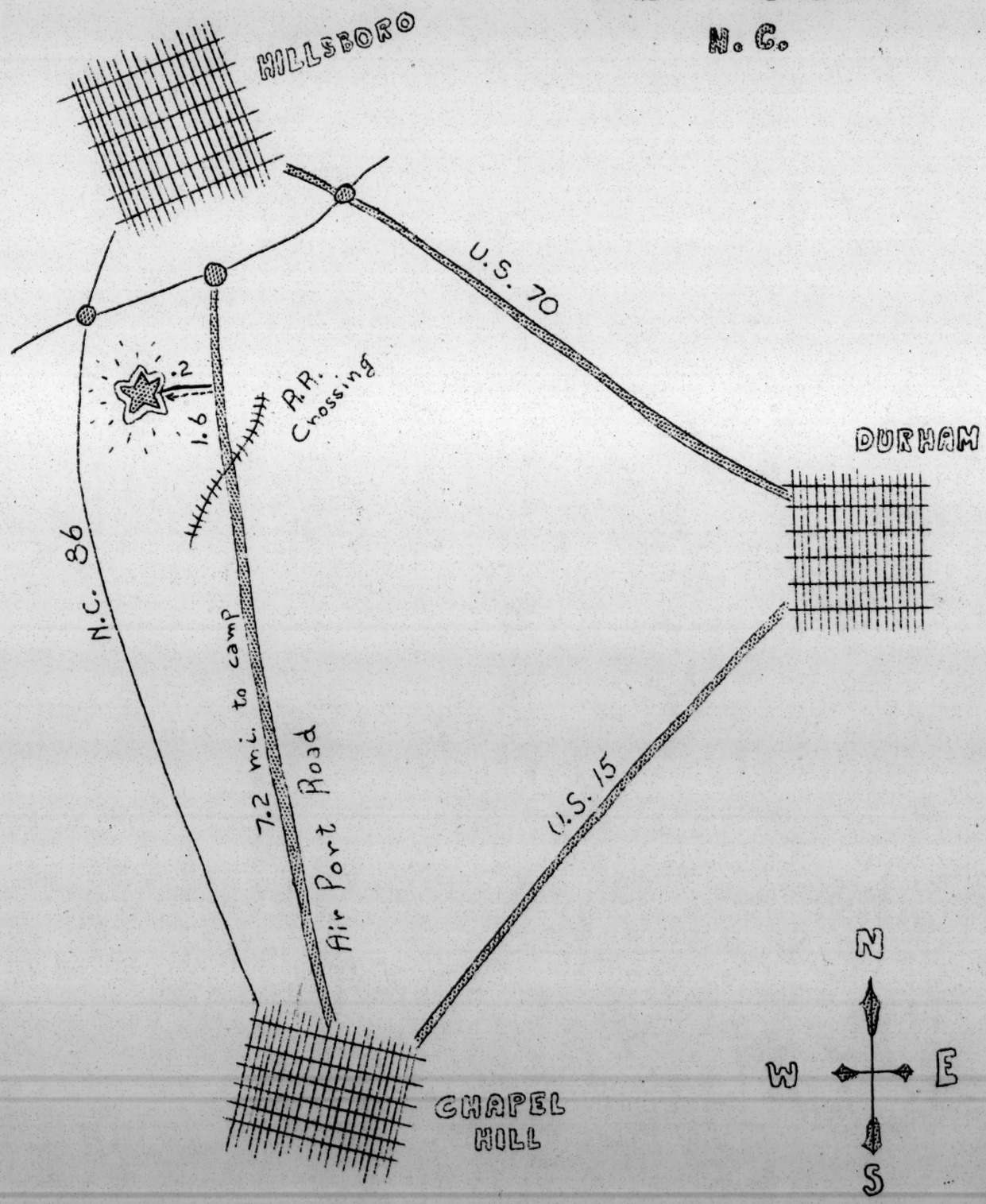

● - Signs
"Camp New Hope"

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The following are the general functions of the Southern Regional Council and a list of specific criteria for state programs, each briefly discussed:

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS AS DEFINED IN THE STATEMENT OF POLICY AND AIMS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

1. To create in each state a representative body of white and Negro citizens to consider in full democracy the necessary steps toward genuine integration.

2. To serve as a convincing demonstration of Southerners working together as fellow citizens without regard to race.

3. To strive to create an atmosphere in which artificial distinctions and discrimination based upon race will no longer persist.

4. To stimulate local interest to work for local solutions in full democracy, in order that legislative and judicial rulings may be translated into justice in everyday life.

5. To seek practical solutions rather than spectacular pronouncements.

6. To encourage effective functioning of enlightened citizens through the civic life of their communities, rather than becoming a mass pressure organization.

7. To further its objectives through fact-finding, conference and persuasion, and through consultation with public agencies and officials.

8. To counteract appeals to prejudice and violence by demagogues, professional bigots and hate organizations.

9. To present the facts about the region and their implications.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROGRAM PROPOSALS
OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH SRC

I. Is the program proposed compatible with SRC's policy and aims?

See the preceding list of SRC functions as defined in the statement of policy and aims, December 1951. A leaflet reprinting the entire policy statement is enclosed.

II. Who made the plan?

See Item 1 in the list of functions. Your proposed program should reflect the combined thinking and approval of representative members of the state Board, including both races and the various religious and organizational interests represented.

III. Is the program oriented to the main challenge facing the state at this time - i.e., adjustment to the Supreme Court decision?

While it is expected that the state organizations will be broadly interested in the human relations problems and opportunities of their states, the challenge of the decision should be recognized as the focal point of action in this field. Obviously this will mean different things in different states. In some of the more advanced states, it may mean working with educational authorities, parent-teacher groups, and others on the mechanics and details of school integration as an accepted goal. In other more uncertain states, it will be necessary to aim program activities at building more acceptance for the idea of integration. In the deep South states, the work of persuasion must start on an even more elementary level and interest may have to be sought for such intermediate objectives as preserving the public school system, combatting intimidation and economic pressure on Negro and liberal white spokesmen, emphasizing church pronouncements and the importance of abiding by the law despite personal preference. However, these varying approaches all have in common the recognition that compliance with the Supreme Court's decision must be an ultimate goal of our operation.

IV. How practical is the program in terms of the organization's staff and resources?

There are clearly strict limits on what one professional staff person -- or even two -- can do by way of personal contact and the influencing of opinion. The central office's concept of staff function, in the light of these limitations, should be applicable to the state organizations as well. Generally, it recognizes that we are not aiming to influence directly people in the mass. Rather, we are trying to stimulate and assist key local people. Every community has its present or potential "spark plugs" whose racial views are enlightened. They may be ministers, church women, public officials, businessmen, civic and labor leaders, newspapermen -- in short, anyone who plays an influential role in the life of the community. These are the people with whom we work. Staff time should be spent mainly in planning with and activating such key people, through personal contact, SRC materials, and correspondence. (See Item 4 in the list of functions.)

The importance of bi-racial professional staff is evident in this definition of the job to be done. We can hardly hope to persuade perceptive lo-

cal people of our good faith unless we exemplify in our own organization the principles we are advocating. Nor, in this divided society, can we bring people of the two races together unless the insights of both races are reflected both at the policy and at the staff levels. Contrary to some assumptions about human relations activity, a Negro staff member may often approach white leadership more effectively than a white staff member; and a bi-racial professional staff will increase, rather than lessen, respect for our organizations and belief in our sincerity.

The ways in which bi-racial staff can be attained -- through additional fund-raising for salaries, through employment of consultants, etc. -- have been and will be dealt with elsewhere. But this should be an ever-present consideration in program planning.

V. <u>To what extent does the program involve lay community leadership?</u>

In view of our limited staff, much of the program load must be shared by Board members and other individuals related to the state organizations. Every such person should be an active influence in his or her community, working closely with state staff, and involving other local people in the program of the state organization.

Members of the state organization's policy group should also participate in statewide program. The most effective way to accomplish this is for the Board to establish its own subgroups which will be concerned with particular phases of the organization's activity, including fund-raising. Without such lay participation, at both the community and the state level, the staff will find it virtually impossible to implement an effective program.

VI. <u>Does the program aim at developing processes which in themselves lead to the elimination of racial distinctions?</u>

Every state and every community has its own particular character and circumstances to which program must be adapted; it is for that reason that we have put emphasis on the large degree of self-determination that must be exercised by each state organization in shaping its structure and program. Given that fact, however, it can probably be said that every effective community-action program will have as its effect a process in which white and Negro citizens of comparable achievements and interests are communicating and planning together as equals. The success, then, of a state program can be evaluated in terms of its effectiveness in encouraging and assisting this process in the public and institutional life of a state. Such local planning and discussion today clearly should center on the overriding question of adjustment to the Supreme Court's decision -- gathering the facts about the local school system and reaching agreement on practical steps to be taken.

The formation of new local interracial groups is sometimes an appropriate way to achieve this, but it is by no means the only way or the best way. It is often more fruitful to explore the opportunities for sound process within existing bodies and community activities. Examples.

A. Bonafide Negro representation on school boards and other official bodies.

B. Negro participation at the policy level in such agencies as community chests and councils, YMCA's and YWCA's, hospital boards, professional

associations, and other quasi-public agencies.

C. Bi-racial participation -- preferably through integrated membership, but when necessary through liaison committees -- in such private organizations as PTA's, teachers associations, councils of church women, ministerial associations, and the like.

D. The self-survey method, in which community leaders join together across the lines of race, religion, and interest groups to gather the facts about common problems and plan remedies. This technique is amply discussed in SRC literature and should be familiar to all state personnel.

Where full participation is not thought to be immediately possible, interim steps, such as Negro advisory committees or advisory interracial groups, may be temporarily useful but great care should be taken to insure that they do not become permanent "escape hatches" for those in authority. There is no substitute for full and unqualified participation by all segments of the community.

There are many ways in which the state organization can promote the growth of democratic process. Obvious examples are: conference with community leadership or persons with access to community leadership; informing individuals and the public generally of good precedents in other communities in the state or in the South; offering technical assistance in the form of materials and consultation (for example, the self-survey).

VII. Does the program tend to strengthen the representativeness of the state organization?

This refers to the fact that careful attention should be given to involving persons who are representative of as many religious, professional, and civic interests as possible.

VIII. Does the program seek to make maximum use of SRC materials?

There is a variety of ways in which the materials of SRC and related agencies can be useful in increasing the outreach and effectiveness of the state program.

A. To disseminate through the press and other public media information that will stimulate constructive action.

B. To promote understanding of the services and methods of the organization itself.

C. To assist local people in adapting to their community techniques that have worked elsewhere.

Thus the use of materials should be regarded not as incidental, but as integral to, the program.

IX. Does the program create a basis for self support?

The broad objective of SRC's work with affiliated state groups is the formation, within a comparatively short time, of effective, independent, self-

supporting human relations services in each Southern state. The period of subsidy is short. If the goal is to be achieved, the state organization must not only raise the required supplementing funds for today, but quickly establish itself as an indispensible service to forward-looking individuals and agencies throughout the state. And this can only be accomplished by good programming that gets results. In this sense fund-raising cannot be viewed as a thing apart from program; they must be planned together.

GSM/as/rnf
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May 17, 1955

Dictated May 16

Mr. Gordon W. Blackwell
Director
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

A couple of us here have read nearly all, or good long stretches of Charles Mangum's manuscript.

It is a difficult manuscript to decide the best use for. I am not a lawyer and don't know how lawyers get their facts together, but I should think that it would be helpful to lawyers having cases in any of the fields covered by the book. I do not think that it would have very wide appeal beyond legal circles. Accordingly, I would hope that it could be published by a law journal or a law school. Failing publication, I think it would be helpful to people carrying legal and organizational jobs in any of these fields, if the book were available in mimeographed form -- say three or four hundred copies. Unfortunately, I haven't got the staff or the money to help with turning out such a mimeographed edition.

If the manuscript were to be prepared for printing, or even for mimeographing, I should think it would be of much help if the chapters could be broken down into a lot of subheadings. Often that would mean cracking a long ~~chapter~~ paragraph into two subheads or three. Also, the book really ought to have a mountainous index. It is a reference book and not a narrative; and those who will turn to it will be much assisted by a careful index.

Mangum has done mountains of work on it, and I would like to see his work made available. Unfortunately, I haven't got any way that the Council could help on getting it out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 17, 1955

Dictated May 16

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

We are putting together the final program for the meeting at Camp New Hope.

The group assembles before supper on Wednesday, June 1st, and goes home after lunch on Friday, June 3rd.

We expect to have a total of twenty-two to twenty-five persons. About one-third of those present will be Negroes. Included in the group is a man from India named Jaipaul (no other name), who is a kind of press officer for the Congress Party in India, and is travelling around in this country. He would have hit us in Atlanta at about the time of the conference, so we are bringing him up to the conference.

We expect one or two staff persons from each Southern state, and the remainder will be people from this office in Atlanta.

Our schedule calls for our bringing the group to your front porch at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 2nd, and for our all picking up and leaving for Camp New Hope after a couple of hours. If for any reason this doesn't suit you, say so, and we will ask you and Mrs. Alexander to come over to the camp that afternoon.

I am greatly pleased with the prospect that these young people, mostly new to the field, will have this opportunity to hear you tell about earlier days and movements; and to get advice from you about how to proceed now.

The second sheet of this letter is a list of those who will be coming.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

cc: FBR

Kentucky

Mrs. Margaret Dagen. Runs the office for the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. Headquartered at Louisville.

Two consultants from Kentucky, names for the moment not known to us. They probably will be persons teaching at one ob the other of the scattered colleges in the state.

Tennessee

Probably two delagates from Tennessee, not yet chosen.

Virginia

Presumably Jack Marion, who is expected to begin as Executive Director in Virginia, June 1st. Youngish Presbyterian minister from near Richmond.

Presumably Mr. William M. Cooper at Hampton, who is about to become half-time Associate Director in Virginia.

North Carolina

Harry Jones, who is the Director of the North Carolina Council for Human Relations, with offices at Charlotte.

Mr. William H. Brown, who is a consultant to the North Carolina group at Durham. (It is not certain that Mr. Brown will attend)

South Carolina

Mrs. Alice Spearman, from Newberry, who is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

Georgia

Guy Wells, who used to run the college at Milledgeville, is the Executive Director.

Lucius Pitts, a minister in the AME Church, stationed at Cordele. Consultant to the Georgia Committee on Race Relations.

Alabama

Robert Hughes, a young Methodist minister trained at Emory. Serving as Executive Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, stationed in Montgomery.

Mr. James Pierce, at Alabama State College at Montgomery. Consultant.

Mississippi

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells, Executive Director of the Mississippi Co ncil on Human Relations.

Louisiana

Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations at New Orleans.

Texas

Thomas Sutherland, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Office at Austin.

Arkansas

Nat Griswold, Texas man with Arkansas roots. Executive Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Offices at Little Rock.

Christopher C. Mercer, Jr., half-time Associate Director of the Arkansas Council. Offices at Pine Bluff.

Florida

Has not yet chosen its Executive Director, but will, prior to June 1st. The possibility is that it will be Walter Thorwald, sociologist for the University of Florida.

Atlanta

George Mitchell, Executive Director; Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information; Fred Routh, Assistant Director for State Organizations; Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Assistant Director for Program Planning; Mrs. M. E. Tilly, in charge of Women's Work; Miss Katherine Stoney, Secretary-Treasurer; and John Constable, Editorial Assistant.

Also from the central office staff will be C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, who is one the sociology faculty at the University of Louisville.

May 17, 1955

Mr. Herbert W. K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

Very many thanks for the check for $59.21. Duly into the coffer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I called your home and left word today that Woodward's book isn't yet out. Publication date May 26th. I had seen an advance listing of it, and knew it was coming. But unless one is turn-up-able to you there to send to us I can't read it until May 26th or thereafter. But in any case, we know Woodward, think his Tom Watson book was a honey, and his more recent Post-Reconstruction book of Southern History near to the exact truth. On that much I would trust what he has to say in the new one, unseen.

We could helpfully send out any number, but think our best distribution would be:

SRC Board	85
State Staff	20
State Boards	140
Other known good eggs	25
Total	270

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

copy [redacted] sent to:
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

May 17, 1955

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

When magic fingers press buttons, I am always deeply grateful. I had written and begged UAW for that $1,000, and nothing happened. But here about three days ago along it came. I thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1955

Dictated May 16

Miss Maureen Black
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Two West Forty-Sixth Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Black:

We will be very grateful for the one thousand copies of the minority housing article from House and Home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

May 17, 1955

Dictated May 16

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West Thirty-Fifth Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

We are much in hopes that the Sigmund Silberman Foundation will help us again this year.

The Southern Regional Council is expanding itself out into twelve Southern states, organizing in each an affiliated state organization. Most of them are calling themselves the Alabama Council on Human Relations, or the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, etc. These are now going and staffed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Kentucky. The Virginia one expects to be staffed June 1st, and we hope that both Florida and Tennessee will have staff about then also. That will make up the twelve. The first task of each group is to offer a lead to public opinion on compliance with the Supreme Court's decision on ending segregation in the public schools.

The Fund for the Republic, which has carried the major foundation load on enabling us to expand in this way, required us to raise independently of them some $40,000 in this office this year, and substantially more next year. We are within sight of that goal for this year. But we are coming just now into the lean Summer months when we would be very greatly helped by the contribution which the Sigmund Silberman Foundation has so kindly given us in the past years.

I enclose an audit for the year 1954, and some recent copies of New South as indicating the tren of our program.

I am still enjoying that most pleasant Sunday evening at your home in March.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 17, 1955

Dictated May 16

Mr. Gunnar Dybwad
Child Study Association of America
132 East Seventy-Fourth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Dybwad:

Very many thanks for your kind letter of May 9th. I enjoyed coming, of course, and learned a good deal.

Wish I could be in New York for June 14th, but I am tied up with a Workers Education session in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Christian Science Monitor

May 17, 1955

Mr. Max K. Gilstrap
Chief, Central News Bureau
333 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Max:

Thanks for your letter of May 16 and the enclosure. We will, of course, keep the matter entirely confidential.

Unfounded charges of the sort Mr. Godkin makes against the Southern Regional Council are a recurring nuisance. The source, as Godkin indicates, is an inflammatory political paper published by Roy V. Harris, whom you may remember as an intemperate and now largely discredited politician of Augusta, Georgia. His attacks on the SRC have been ignored by the reputable newspapers and other media.

In refuting such allegations, it is always difficult to know how much detail to supply. I hope this letter and the attached material aren't too burdensomely complete for your purposes. On the other hand, if more elaboration would be helpful, I will be glad to supply it.

As to the numbered charges that Godkin lists:

(1) The SRC is not the successor -- de facto, or otherwise -- of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The SCHW was organized in 1938 and survived until 1949; the SRC was organized in 1944. As one might expect from this timing, and from their differing approaches to the problems of the South, the two organizations were widely regarded as rival agencies. That some members of the SRC's staff and board at one time participated in the Southern Conference is true. At its inception, the Conference attracted the cream of the South's liberal leadership; it was after these persons had become disillusioned and withdrew from the Conference that it acquired its dubious reputation. The attached copy of an editorial from the Atlanta Constitution helps clarify this history; the editorial was written by Ralph McGill, who was one of the incorporators of the SRC and is a continuing supporter of its work. Also attached are copies of letters from three of the founders of the SRC, written at a time when the same baseless charges were being clandestinely used against Morris Abram, an SRC board member who was then seeking office.

(2) In view of the facts cited above, this is irrelevant; however, it might be noted in passing that the evidence of communist penetration of the Southern Conference, even its latter stages, was not sufficient to warrant its inclusion on the U.S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

(3) The organizers of the Southern Regional Council were Southerners of considerable distinction whose patriotism has never been seriously questioned. A mere listing of their names and identifications should be sufficient to expose this charge for what it is. The organizing meeting of the SRC was held in response to a call issued by the following persons:

C.H. Gillman, Georgia Director, C.I.O.
George L. Googe, Southern Director, A.F.L.
M. Ashby Jones, Baptist minister
Ryland Knight, Baptist minister
Rabbi David Marx, The Temple, Atlanta
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, The Methodist Church
Ralph McGill, editor, the Atlanta Constitution
Stuart R. Oglesby, Presbyterian minister
Rt. Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Catholic Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta
Dean S. Paden, President, King Hardware Company
J. McDowell Richards, President, Columbia Theological Seminary
Bishop John Moore Walker, The Protestant Episcopal Church
Goodrich C. White, president, Emory University

Following the deliberations of this group and a subsequent conference with Negro leaders, the SRC was chartered, the incorporators being Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Ralph McGill, President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University, President Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, and the late Dr. Howard W. Odum, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Odum served as the first president of the organization, 1944-1946.

(4) Godkin does not name these "two top members," but Roy Harris's paper provides the basis for this allegation. Two persons who were once members of SRC's board were recently accused of communist sympathies by Paul Crouch in testimony before a Senate Internal Security Committee subcommittee. We have no way of evaluating this testimony against two out of the more than 100 former members of the SRC board. However, no such charges were against these persons during their terms of service on our board -- 1945-1949. Nor by any stretch of the imagination could they be described as "top members"; neither held office or played any significant part in the formulation of SRC policy. (Ironically, one of them resigned from the board because he felt that SRC's position on segregation was not unequivocal enough.)

(5) Dr. Mitchell did hold membership for several years on the board of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, resigning when he found himself in disagreement with its policies. Harris's charges of other "red front" associations are based on a series of falsehoods and distortions which would require a great deal of space to review and refute. The high esteem in which Dr. Mitchell is held by all who know him and his work is typified by the award which he received in 1953 from the Catholic Committee of the South for his "significant contribution to the welfare of the South."

(6) The Southern Regional Council has been scrupulously non-political in all of its activities and has never been specifically charged otherwise. It operates under an official grant of tax-exemption from the United States Treasury Department. Anyone who will take the trouble to examine the Council's publications, statements, and activities will see that, from the beginning, it has stood for the exact opposite of communism.

It is a body of responsible Southerners of both races working for orderly, constructive progress in race relations. Nothing could damage the cause of international communism more than the success of this effort.

Over the years, the Southern Regional Council has received both financial and moral support from many of the major religious denominations in the South, including Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational, Society of Friends, Catholic and Jewish groups. Its work has had the endorsement of many prominent persons; the following characterizations of the Council by three widely known Southern editors -- all of them intimately acquainted with its activities -- are representative:

> "An able and worthwile organization working in the field of racial relations. It has no radical tinge, but is, neyertheless, an aggressively energetic coordinating agency."
> Ralph McGill in the Atlanta Constitution

> "The sanest and best-informed Southwide organization dealing with race relations."
> Virginus Dabney in the Saturday Evening Post

> "The SRC is unique in a number of heartening directions. It is bi-racial, non-denominational and non-political. It does not engage in tom-tom beating, parades, or lengthy pronunciamentos slanted for non-Southern consumption and approval. But it is not an isolationist effort to separate the South's problems from the nation's -- or from the nation's concern."
> Hodding Carter in Collier's Magazine

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:rnf

enclosures:
- Current lists of SRC Board members
- Ltrs. - Odum, Richards, McNamara
- Editorial from the Atlanta Constitution

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Columbia Theological Seminary
Office of the President
Decatur, Georgia

Chicago, Ill.
August 14, 1954

Mr. Stephens Mitchell
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Owing to the fact that your letter of August 4 was forwarded to me here, I have been considerably delayed in replying.

As one of those who issued the call for the meeting at which the Southern Regional Council was organized in 1943, I wish to declare categorically that this organization was not formed as successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, with which I have never had any relationship whatever. The Southern Regional Council came into existence as a result of a belief shared by many individual Southerners- some of these being persons of distinguished leadership - that such a Council could make a real contribution to the life and progress of our Southern States in our time. It is a thoroughly patriotic organization, loyal to the ideals and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

J. McDowell Richards

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Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Rector's Office
Savannah, Georgia

August 6, 1954

Mr. Stephens Mitchell
603-4-5-6 Peters Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Stephens:

The enclosed statement, reprinted from SOUTHERN FRONTIER, sums up most accurately the beginnings of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. As representative of Bishop O'Hara I attended the Atlanta and Richmond Conferences and likewise the Charter Meeting of the Council, which was held subsequently in Atlanta.

There was absolutely no connection between the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL and the Southern Conference on Human Welfare. Remotely the inspiration for the formation of the Council was the well-thought-out, balanced and constrained statement of the meeting, now known as the Durham Conference of Southern Negroes. Ralph McGill's editorial on the Durham statement, indicating that the White South could ill-afford to disregard the Durham statement, led to the formation of an invitation committee, composed deliberately of white Southerners. This committee of which Bishop O'Hara was a member issued invitations to a meeting, which was held at the Piedmont Hotel. From this meeting came the Atlanta statement, which in turn led to the Richmond meeting.

For a number of years I served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council. Paul Williams, former member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Catholic Men, served two terms as President of the Council.

While I have not been active in the Council in recent years, but still continue as a member, I have no reason to believe that the Council has changed from its original purpose and design.

I am pleased to send you this information and if I can help further, please do not hesitate to command me.

My best wishes to your candidate, Morris Abram. I always found him impressive in my few meetings with him, when we served the Council together.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/

(Rt.Rev.Msgr.) T. James McNamara

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Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

April 13, 1954

Mr. Stephens Mitchell, Chairman
Fulton County Abram for Congress
Mitchell and Mitchell
603-4-5-6 Peters Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am sorry to have delayed my reply to your inquiry.

One way of indicating how solid and constructive the Southern Regional Council has been is to remind you that, just before he died, Senator Broughton gave very serious consideration to becoming President of the Council. As you know, he had also been Governor of North Carolina and was chairman of the Committee of the South, which was responsible for a number of notable studies of Southern economic policies and resources.

The Southern Regional Council, you remember, was an extension and expansion of the Southern Committee on Interracial Co-operation, sponsored by your great Atlanta leaders, Bishop Wilmer, Ashby Jones, Plato Durham, Will W. Alexander, among others. I was President of the Council in the 1940's and was criticized a great deal for not going along with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which, in my judgment, not only did not have stable leadership, but in the beginning and later presented the wrong sort of front.

I am writing this hurriedly simply as quick testimony to the effect that the Southern Regional Council not only is not, in any way, related to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, but stands somewhere at the opposite pole of the Conference in its structure and methodology.

Cordially yours,

/s/

Howard W. Odum

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From an Editorial from The ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
May 12, 1953

ATTACK ON CLEMENT IS DIRTY POLITICS

* * * A member of the [City Executive Committee] board has charged that Dr. Clement is a Communist sympathizer because he once belonged to the now defunct Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

This newspaper is proud of the fact that it contributed largely to the demise of that organization. We were twice threatened with lawsuits because of our exposure of it; therefore, we believe we have some authority to speak.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare was organized by honest, loyal Americans, with a viewpoint to organizing all constructive forces in the South to improve the South's economic and social status. It later was infiltrated by Communists, but for a good many years it was composed of and led by persons of unquestioned loyalty, during which time its membership was about 99.95 per cent loyal. It offers the typical example of a few rotten Communists spoiling a good barrel of apples.

Even so, it was not until a good many years had passed, and after most of the membership had withdrawn, including Dr. Clement, that persons of suspected communistic tendencies took over what remained of the organization. They did not long endure, largely because this newspaper exposed them and kept upon them the full light of publicity. Therefore, we feel free to say that this smear attack on Dr. Clement was false and unworthy, and those conducting it reflect no credit on themselves, our city, state and region. * * *

May 17, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thought you would be interested in the material we're sending out to our state staff people for the meeting at Camp New Hope for state professional staff.

We would be very pleased to have you there if you could spare the time. I think it would be good for the state staff people to meet the president of the organization with which their organizations are affiliated.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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May 17, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Loescher:

George Mitchell has told us that you will be with us at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, on June 1, 2 and 3 for our semi-annual state professional staff meeting.

I am enclosing a copy of all the material which we sent to the state staff people so that you will be oriented in advance as to what we are trying to do at this meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you then, June 1 at Camp New Hope.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf

May 17, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
N.C. Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry,

We have sent you under separate cover the material which has been sent to all the people who are being invited to the Camp New Hope meeting.

As it turns out there will be between 22 and 25 people there. We have not had confirmations from state people yet and this figure may be erronious but at the present time it is the only one available. We had a nice note from John Ensign with an enclosed map. This we simplified and mimeographed for those who are driving.

Looking forward to seeing you at the camp. I am going to drive up and will come a day early as things now stand.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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May17, 1955

Mr. Francis L. Hurwitz, Ex. Sec.
Human Relations Center
Boston University
308 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hurwitz:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 11th to Dr. Mitchell which he has referred to me. Your proposed workwhop on the Improvement of Human Relations at Boston University sounds excellent. As a former professor of human relations at the University of Miami, I have had considerable experience in staff participation and direction in workshops and believe that the workshop method is probably the most effective form of education in terms of pragmatic learning.

It is not possible for us to send anybody to the workshop this summer. All of our staff people are deeply imbedded in their work and during the summer months when we have use of consultants from various universities our work is actually intensified.

Thank you for the brochures which you enclosed with your letter. We are passing them on to people who might be interested and I have sent a copy to the Department of Human Relations at the University of Miami.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf
cc:Max Birnbaum

May 18, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Our files fetched up today my letter to you of March 8th, about the possibility of the 1955 meeting of the Board occurring in New Orleans.

The Executive Committee of SRC meets May 26th, and it would be nice if you could write me as to whether the prospects for a New Orleans meeting are favorable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 18, 1955

Reverend Marvin Bordelon
P. O. Box 589
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Father Bordelon:

I have just finished writing for some forthcoming issue of New South a review of a new report prepared for the Secretary of Agriculture, called "Development of Agriculture's Human Resources; A Report on Problems of Low-Income Farmers." It is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 25¢, but I am sure that if you will write to the Office of the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., they will be glad to send you one or more copies of the report.

For the first time in my experience, the government comes around to a concept much like what you have been doing in Avoyelles Parish. It talks about means of tieing together agricultural services, farm enlargement, farm credit, industrialization, employment, social security, forest care, and vocational education. They have caught the scent of community-government activity.

I think you would be heartened by reading it. And it occurred to me that you might wish to go through it and encourage your readers with the hope of better services to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Father Maurice V. Shean

May 18, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

If you haven't already got one, you ought to send off to the Secretary's Office at the Department of Agriculture in Washington and get a copy of the report called "Development of Agriculture's Human Resources; A Report on Problems of Low-Income Farmers." I am much heartened by its evidence of fresh and courageous thinking.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 18, 1955

Mr. John Conners
American Federation of Labor
1625 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

Nice to have the May, 1955, Newsletter; and pleasant to note that you gave a listing to Lillian Smith's book, Now is the Time It is a good book, with her ideas well and persuasively put.

I hope that somewhere in our joint batting about this Summer we will encounter each other.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 18, 1955

Mrs. Fara M. Darland
Arizona State Federation of Labor
512 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Darland:

I look forward to the coming of the pamphlets you are sending. I will read them and get them back to you.

Sorry about Mr. Swackhamer.

The people who could teach political education the way it ought to be taught are very few. I don't know anybody in this part of the country that I would put forward for it, and I am too far away from the West Coast to know the people there. Frank McCallister, who runs the labor part of Roosevelt College in Chicago (Michigan Boulevard), would be a trustworthy advisor as to whom to pick.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 18, 1955

Mrs. Fara M. Darland
Arizona State Federation of Labor
512 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Darland:

The pamphlets came. Many thanks! I will read them and send them back to you.

Meanwhile, I make official registration for George Mitchell and Alice his wife. We will turn up Sunday afternoon, August 21st and stay through Friday, or probably through Saturday, August 27th.

So please be warned that two Mitchells are a'coming.

So glad to see that Margaret Dagen is going to teach Labor History.

I expect that that is going to be a nice occasion all around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 19, 1955

Dr. A. Lee Coleman
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington 29, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your letter of May 16 regarding Margaret McCulloch. We have been in touch with her now for sometime and Grace Hamilton and I are going up and GH is coming down to Nashville this Saturday to talk with people of Tennessee about possibilities of organizing the state organization on a three-sectional basis -- Eastern, Central and Western Tennessee.

I am enclosing with this a copy of our April 15 NEWSLETTER in which are listed the offices of the state executives presently employed. Beyond this the other three states' chairmen are:

Florida: Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 W. Park
Tallahassee

Tennessee: Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20

Virginia: Rev. W. Carrol Brooke
Box 208
Staunton

It now looks as if these latter three states will have employed staff by June 1 and then the first big phase of the job is complete. The next phases are simultaneously to: strengthen the state boards and effectuate meaningful program.

Thanks a lot for the letter.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director for
State Organization

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May 19, 1955

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Every year, as you know, I have mule-headedly lugged into our Southern Problems course for a whole day matters of agriculture. Always somebody complains and says that he is a city worker and not a farmer and he doesn't know why he has to listen to that guff. So, I have been the more pleased in the recent months to see signs of rapprochement between labor forces and some of the farm lobby.

Happily now a new booklet has just come out which would serve as a workable textlet on this problem for the Fayetteville School. I mail you, separately, my one and only copy so that you may examine it too.

I admit that as just homework reading it is too stiff for most of the enrollees. But the maps and parts of the text teach pretty well. And I understand enough of what the rest of it is about to illuminate it in classroom work.

I would like to suggest that you obtain enough copies of it for each student at Fayetteville to have one. I shouldn't be surprised but what John Conners could get them for you at the cost of a telephone call and no more. But if you have to pay the quarter apiece for them, I think they are worth it.

Please send mine back pronto. I need it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
"Development of Agriculture's Human Resources."

May 19, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We will look into the PTA suggestion.

Thanks for the warm remarks about the North Carolina meeting. I have some uneasiness about what seems to us the slowness of accomplishment within the state, but I would like to discuss it with you.

We do get a monthly narrative report as well as a monthly finance report from each state organization.

We have long-standing links with the organizations of Negro teachers, and continually try to bring the teachers into what we do. We will work at it more.

We will use part of the meeting coming up June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, near Chapel Hill, to stimulate the states into detailed planning about school desegregation. Incidentally, we all greatly hope that you will be at that meeting.

Harold will explore the idea of state inserts in New South.

Glad that the man from Burnsville came on to the North Carolina Board. Whatever you and Harry Jones and the North Carolina Board will agree to, we would want to help. Two hundred copies of New South is a good number, and we would hope that the state could find some way to pay for them.

We will get together what we can find in Menefee's material about Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties and send it to you.

The Treasury has notified the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation that the officers of the Treasury will receive and confer with Guy Wells and George Mitchell, June 8th, in the afternoon. In anticipation of that we have been hurrying along the Kentucky application for tax exemption, and it went in from Kentucky several days ago in a form which had Leonard

Haas' approval. The Treasury's instructions as to appeals (and we are making what amounts to an appeal) made it seem quite an act of grace on the part of Treasury to admit Mitchell along with Guy Wells to the interview. Wherefore we didn't press for an invitation for Leonard Haas to go up to it at the time we applied for a hearing. You and I should consider the matter when you are here next week, and talk with Leonard about it.

Try to make your stay here for the Executive Committee meeting as lengthy as you can.

There is so much to go over, and I would like for us to have time for constructive conversation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 19, 1955

TO: JC

From MAW's ltr dtd 5/2/55

"5. At the Raleigh meeting, pursuant to my suggestion, Dr. C. F. McRae of Burnsville was placed on the board of directors. I had a motive in this. Dr. McRae has been a strong friend of ours for some years and he is public health officer for Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties. From Menafee's notes I can conclude two of those three counties would have been willing to integrate their schools this year. They are ideal counties in which to begin the experiment and Dr. McRae can be of great help.

I believe, though I am not sure, that the North Carolina Legislature has put each county on its own in school affairs. If so, I propose that we begin at once with those three counties. With that in mind, I wonder, if Dr. McRae and I could get together a mailing list of, say, 200 names in the three counties. We might send them New South and other materials complimentary. This would greatly facilitate our efforts.

**The movement would be further helped along if the indefatigible and resourceful Anna Holden should go over all of Menefee's material and give us abstracts of everyting he reported as to those three counties. I would like for her, also, to correspondefully with Menefee and get him to give all the advice and suggestions he can. We would also want the names of all present and former members of SRC living in the three counties.

I would have strong hopes that, by intensive work, we might land those three counties on the right side for the next school term.

** GSM would like JC to do.

May 19, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Robert:

Thanks for the note of confirmation about coming to the camp. We all look forward to seeing you there. If you come by way of Atlanta stop off and say hellow at the office. I'll probably have already gone on to the camp a day early for I will want to make arrangements for the rest of the folks coming.

Yes, this is a camp meeting. You will get a chance to "testify" -- in fact, you may well get the third degree!

Are you going to bring Dottie and the baby? I hope that Jim Pierce will find it possible to get away from the University because I think he can contribute to the meeting and also learn more about SRC in general and our new efforts in particular.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant for State
Organization

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May 19, 1955

TO: HCF

From MAW's ltr dtd 5/2/55

"4. I occasionally see some farm journal — I think the Progressive Farmer. In the Florida area their magazine has a few pages devoted entirely to Florida. The same is true of North Carolina and of most of the other states where they have circulation.

I wonder if we might not profit by that example. Let New South have its files and general circulation not feature any one state. But in the copies going to South Carolina, for example, might there not be one or two pages devoted to South Carolina affairs and giving names and addresses of South Carolina officers and the location of the South Carolina office? The same thing might be done as to each of the other Southern states. The responsibility would be upon the state units to furnish for each issue so many words of material.

Harold might explode this idea because of technical or printing difficulties. If such can be overcome, I have the feeling each state unit would benefit greatly by our adoption of the experiment. If a state fell down on furnishing material, we could always use material from Southern School News."

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May 19, 1955

Mr. Charles G. Hamilton
St. Paul's
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Charles:

I am told that they have some hopes of picking up a permanent man in Mississippi, and I think that's what they in the state should do.

Do send me some account of what is happening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 19, 1955

The Raymond Rich Association
860 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

The Russell Sage people referred a friend of ours to you some months back as having in process then a helpful publication on foundations.

Will you let me know what it is and what it costs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 19, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

Here I come Kansas City bound in August.

I can promise to be on hand by or before noon on August 2nd, and to stay through August 4th. I am due at Montreat for the Presbyterians for part of August 5th, and will have to scramble to make it, but that is up to me.

I will be as near the meetings as you and the meetings wish for the whole three days I am in Kansas City, and will be happy to take on any chores and be in any groups that you wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1955

Rev. John H. Marion
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Bon Air, Virginia

Dear Jack:

George Mitchell has just given me your letter of May 19th which officially confirms your acceptance of the position of Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and let me say how pleased we are to have you with us. I'm the guy who travels about the South assisting and working with state staff people and state boards of directors.

You mentioned in your letter the possibilities of you and Mr. Cooper coming down to Atlanta for a week or more in the near future. We are having a state staff meeting on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, and I am enclosing all of the information on this meeting. I believe that it will be of inestimable help to you and Mr. Cooper to attend this meeting for here will be assembled all of our state staff people, some of whom by now have had a year's experience in the field. Here also will be assembled the central office staff to work with and advise our state people. If it is at all possible I highly recommend that you come. I am writing Mr. Cooper a separate letter and inviting him to the meeting also. I think after attending the meeting, you will feel less like Abraham of whom it was said that "he went out not knowing wither he went" and you will find at the meeting certain guide posts for future activities.

I will look forward very much to working with you in the future and certainly we would like to have you come down to Atlanta and sit in with us here in the central office and talk about some of the things which can be done in Virginia. One of our chief interests always is to have a strong, responsible and representative state policy-making board and in Virginia we believe you have an admirable group that will help set the framework within which professional staff will work.

Once more, glad to have you with us and I look forward to seeing you at Camp New Hope.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant for State
Organization

FBR:rnf

cc:Thorwald
CHP

May 20, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 W. Park
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Dr. Finner:

I am sending you under separate cover 40 copies each of the two pamphlets which best describe the Southern Regional Council so that you may include them with a letter to each of the newly elected state directors. I believe this sort of informative communication will be of real service to our group in the state of Florida.

Unfortunately, I cannot be at Daytona between June 1st and 3rd for we are having our state staff professional meeting in North Carolina June 1st, 2nd and 3rd and our professionals from all over the South will be gathering there. It is my earnest hope that if Mr. Thorwald accepts this position, he will attend the meeting in North Carolina during those dates for we will be briefing our state people on what has happened over the past year and what to expect during the year to come, and a man newly in the field would get inestimable help from such an experience. Might I suggest that the board of directors meeting, if it is essential that Mr. Thorwald be present, be postponed to the following week.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant for State
Organization

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Statement of Aims & Policy
Toward the South of The Future

May 20, 1955

TO: GTH

When last I was in Philadelphia, AFSC said we might have for free one hundred copies of the pamphlet they have just done about Washington, D. C.

Here is the hundred.

We could get more for wider use if you think it wise.

Meanwhile, do what you think best with these.

GSM/eab

May 20, 1955

TO: KS

I think this letter from Witherspoon Dodge deserves dispraise.

Have you any proposal as to how we can avoid sending him a check?

The map has been on my walls usefully for, I guess, five years. I think we have had $5.00 worth of good from it, and will get some more. But I don't like the way we are dunned.

GSM/eab

May 20, 1955

TO: KS

Here are figures from Texas which I have held. I have made a note in the Board files about what Mrs. Crate said about Mrs. Aycox as an ex-officio member of the Board of SRC. Will try to get that matter buttoned up finally.

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 20, 1955

TO: KS

I never answered this letter from Vigo. I take it that the answer was given him verbally at the meeting of their Executive Committee when I urged on them the raising themselves of the extra money they would need in this fiscal year.

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 20, 1955

TO: HCF

This is Katherine Stoney's official figuring of the arrangements about the Duke grant.

/eab
Encl.

May 20, 1955

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Harry Jones in Charlotte has been working out plans for people in all our state offices and people on our staff here to go to Camp New Hope June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We assemble before supper on June 1st and leave after lunch on June 3rd. The afternoon of June 2nd we hope to spend at Dr. Will's farm.

If at any time in those three days you and Guion could come over, it would be a most welcome visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
bc: FBR

May 20, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thanks for your letter about the Board meeting in New Orleans. I will write and let you know what happened when the Executive Committee meeting next week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1955

TO: HCF

Will you or Constable be responsible for making a list of those who are on our staff who ought to have paid subscriptions to Southern School News?

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May 20, 1955

QTH
borrowed its
were available clips
about SCEF mtg
at Houston.
May 23, 54
Ed.

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

The business about SCEF's Houston conference turned out about as I had thought it would. Very helpful to have the newspaper accounts.

I have a close friend at Aiken, South Carolina, who is knowledgeable, and I have called him for the facts about Mr. A. J. Lee and will get the facts to you in a very few days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 18, 1955

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The enclosed release was on the front page of the Houston Chronicle last night. After our discussion in Austin and knowing the history of certain personalities I thought best not to participate, although requested by the president, with whom I work in other organizations, and the Coordinator to serve as advisor. Understand about 100 attended - so the paper stated.

A Mr. A. J. Lee - 1229 Mooberry St, Aiken S.C. formally teacher at Prairie View has applied for job of secretary (Co-director) of the Tex. Commission. I have not met him but wondered do you know him or about his record?

It was good having you at our meeting in Austin and our visit on the way to Houston.

Kindest personal regards. Sincerely

(Mrs. Jas S.) Margaret B. Crate

ONE YEAR from the day that the Supreme Court of the United States outlawed segregation in public schools everyone interested in implementing that decision is invited to attend a Southwestern Regional Conference on Integration in Houston, Texas, May 17, 1955.

The Supreme Court decision reunited legality and morality in the South and introduced a new dynamic into the social, moral, and political life of the region. The forces toward true democracy which this edict sanctions have been gathering for several decades. The court itself designated the stages of evolution of the "Fluid South" with its decisions on voting, transportation and higher education. And the regional acceptance of integration in these fields bore out the validity of this appraisal.

There is no serious question that, from Mississippi to Delaware, equality of opportunity for all races will eventually prevail, but the length of the period before such a condition comes to pass should be the concern of all. The sooner the time of integration, the less will be the human blight and suffering, the greater the gain in health and prosperity.

The problem of desegregation is at least a three-sided problem: (1) legal; (2) political and economic; and (3) moral and religious. The legal question has been settled by the Supreme Court; but the political and economic problem is obscured or ignored, and the moral and religious implications of segregation remain confused in the minds of many people.

In the face of such confusion concerning the most urgent moral question confronting the South and the nation today, it is desirable at this crucial time to provide a South-wide forum where everyone concerned can come together for a full and frank discussion of all the issues involved.

This Houston conference is a forerunner of a Southwide Conference on Compliance with the Supreme Court Decision on Segregation in Public Schools to be held in November. The conference is sponsored by 500 civic and professional leaders from 17 Southern and border states. It has been called in the belief that public imagination is ready for the acceptance of a new and positive credo.

Opportunity will be provided for speakers of all shades of opinion to share experiences and estimates. It is hoped that this broadly representative assembly will agree upon an ethical statement and a plan of action with immediate applicability and enduring inspiration.

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Houston

May 17 *Tuesday*	9:00 A.M.	Registration
	9:30 A.M.	Invocation Statement by the Chairman Introduction of delegates
	9:45-10:15 A.M.	Address: *The First Year of Integration*
	10:15-12:15 P.M.	First meeting of commissions
	I.	Community assets available for integration.
	II.	How can the churches help?
	III.	Planning for integration in the schools.
	IV.	What can we do as individuals?
	V.	Integration in areas other than education.
	12:15-1:15 P.M.	LUNCH
	1:30-3:30 P.M.	Second meeting of commissions.
	3:30-5:00 P.M.	Report of commissions.
	6:00-7:00 P.M.	DINNER
	7:30-9:30 P.M.	Forum: *What are the problems of integration and how can they be solved?*

All sessions at the YWCA, 1320 *Rusk Street*

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Please clip & mail

MRS. LULU B. WHITE, *Secretary*
Southern Regional Conference on Integration
2620 Tuam Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. White:

I do _____
I do not _____ plan to attend the Southwestern Regional Conference at Houston, Texas, Tuesday, May 17, 1955.

Please reserve a place for me ☐ at lunch, 12:15 P.M.
☐ at dinner, 6:00 P.M.

NAME _____
(Please type or print)

ADDRESS _____

TITLE & ORGANIZATION _____
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Please send me copies _____ of this call.
I suggest you send a copy of this call to:

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May 20, 1955

TO: GTH

I am delighted to see this stream of information. I think that is the most useful bit of mechanics toward improvement that could be turned up.

Will be grateful for advice on whether, and if so how, we could get the Urban League to make this information available to our field people.

eab

May 20, 1955

Mr. William L. Bowden
Richmond Area University Center
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowden:

Yesterday I laid away into private archives the letters to father which you so kindly sent. I was mindful again of all of the tap, tap, tappings, of your typist's fingers that went into preparing that; and appreciative again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1955

Mr. William F. Cooper
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Va.

Dear Bill:

We have just received in this office a letter from Jack Marion informing us that both you and he had accepted positions with the Virginia Council on Human Relations and let me say that we are highly pleased with your acceptance.

He mentioned in his letter that you both hope to come down to Atlanta in the not too distant future to confer with the central staff on the possibilities of areas of work in Virginia and we approve of this. We are having a meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1st , 2nd, and 3rd of all of our state staff people and I strongly urge that both you and Jack Marion attend this meeting at the expense, of course, of the Virginia Council. I am enclosing the memo we sent to all of our state people regarding this meeting. I earnestly believe that you would get a great deal from such a conference for here will be assembled our state people, some of whom have been working in the field for a year and here, too, will be gathered our central office staff.

I look forward to working with you in the future for I'm the guy who travels about the South working with state staff and boards of directors. Once more it is good to have you with us and I hope to see you in North Carolina.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant for State
Organizations

FBR:rnf

May 20, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road
Bon Air, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I am just delighted.

You and Cooper are the men for the job. I feel the same duty that you feel. We will have good times together.

I hope you can get a office going very soon. Carroll Brooke was in position to turn over to you a file of our various memoranda outlining the relationship between the states and the Atlanta office. But as a safeguard I send another set directly to you and a set to Mr. Cooper. Happily, the whole staff, state and centra, forgathers June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd near Chapel Hill. Fred Routh has sent you the details. Do the two of you come to that, and we can learn and plan together.

It may well be that later on you will both wish to come to Atlanta for a goodish stay, but that will be discussed at Chapel Hill.

We shall begin to feed you money for the operating expenses of your state office on demand. Observe that as you will be operating for the months of June, July, August, and September within the current SRC fiscal year (which ends September 30), you are due for salary and operating expenses four-twelfths of the twelve month's amount undertaken in memorandum #1. What has been spent thus far is travel and other incidental organizational expenses in Virginia, which will be charged against your four-twelfths of a year's money.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Council is Miss Katherine Stoney. Our telephone numbers here are WAlnut 7963 and WAlnut 1821. Be free to be in touch with her as to any details.

I think she will be writing you in a day or two with various instructions about reports, etc.

Meanwhile, may I lay down a rule that I hope you will observe. I wish you would, for each month at the end of the month, send in a narrative letter about what has been going on in your state, within the show and outside the show. No special form. Just sit down and write me.

In anticipation of our being together at the beginning of June,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.
- Memos 1-10
SRC Newsletters - sent separately

cc: KS
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 20, 1955

Dr. P. D. Miller
Board of Church Extension
341B Ponce-de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Dr. Miller:

The Southern Regional Council is deeply grateful to your Board for the contribution of $200 so kindly sent us today.

We are coming into the lean months when goodly sums are hard to come by, and are the more grateful to the Presbyterian Church in the United States for this support.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official Receipt

May 20, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crittenden
1537 Caswell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet and Chris:

They changed plans on the man Jaipaul. He is stuck with Santa Fe, New Mexico engagements and doesn't get to Raleigh-Durham airport until 1:24 p.m., Eastern Air Lines' Flight 427, Friday, June 3rd. I am going to take the same plane when it leaves out Southbound at 1:40. He comes in on it from Washington.

A good deal to ask, but would you meet the plane arriving 1:24 p.m., and you and I and Jaipaul, and maybe Janet -- and Lane any chance? -- could have ten minutes of reunion before you take him back to Raleigh and I head out on the plane for Atlanta?

He is to be in Harry Wellons' custody at Pembroke College, staying at the guest house from the late afternoon or evening of Sunday, June 5th, through the afternoon of Tuesday, June 7th. And then he gets back to Washington. I have told the Washington people that they should arrange transportation via ACL from Selma to Pembroke and stop the train for the dignitary at Pembroke. Failing that, there is the bus. The man ought to be at Pembroke by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, for Wellons' reception. Do not drive the man down to Pembroke -- that is too much there and back for you. If he comes without the train deal worked out, stick him on the bus and head him for Pembroke.

Ten thousand warm thanks.

I am considering reproducing anew the hoop skirt in order that the ancient one shall hang in your museum.

Much love,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

info copy - FBR

May 20, 1955

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

I got your letter of May 19th and I think I have got a plan that will be really useful.

The tiny town of Pembroke, North Carolina, is at the center of a farming community of nearly 20,000 people, mainly of American-Indian descent. The state of North Carolina has long operated separate schools for the Indian people there, and they have a college called Pembroke College — mostly to train teachers, perhaps. The President of the college is named Harry Wellons, a white man. The college has a guest room which was to have been empty June 5th, 6th and 7th. I have talked with Mr. Wellons by phone and the college will be delighted to be host to Jaipaul those days.

Years ago through the help of others I had the pleasure of seeing one of the Pembroke young men through Ohio State University. His name is Abner Nash Locklear. Locklear is living on a small farm three miles from Pembroke with his pretty Indian wife and numerous babies. Locklear is now a vocational agriculture teacher in Pembroke High School. The county agriculture officials include one or more Indian county agents who would be delighted to join with Abner Locklear in seeing to it that Mr. Jaipaul gets a good look at agriculture in that neighborhood.

I have not been able to reach Abner Locklear, but Harry Wellons said that he would see Locklear and that, as Locklear's teaching duties are over four or five days from now, he is satisfied Locklear would be free to take charge of Jaipaul's time. Wellons is in the throes of Commencement those days and can do little more than offer the college's hospitality. Jaipaul would be lodged at the college guest room without charge, but it would be needful for Jaipaul to pay for Jaipaul's meals.

At this remove I cannot tell you how to work out transportation for Jaipaul from Raleigh in the course of Sunday, June 5th, to Pembroke. But note that Pembroke is on the main North-South line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The ACL runs southward thirty miles or so east of Raleigh, and I believe that if there is a train suitable as to its time Jaipaul could catch the train at Selma (around, say, thirty miles east of Raleigh) and thence ride direct to Pembroke. Pembroke is no great shakes of a town and the ACL might fuss about stopping its train there, but if it is a non-scheduled stop, I am satisfied that a call from your office to the ACL office in Washington would contrive the stopping of the train at Pembroke.

Alternatively, there is, of course, bus transportation from Raleigh to Fayetteville, North Carolina, and on to Pembroke, though it would be pokey.

By good fortune, Wellons has a son newly appointed as a Junior Foreign Service Officer at New Delhi.

The American-Indian community into which Jaipaul would be going is of much special interest. History conjectural. My best guess is that they were originally the tag-ends of a dozen tribes -- civilized and English-speaking as early as 1750 -- who refugeed into what was then the Great Swamp of the Lumber River. Doubtless, also, some run-away slaves refugeed in the same swamp, and in subsequent decades the Indian people became somewhat intermixed with Negro and with white blood. This is not spoken of except when one knows the people intimately, and in every ordinary purpose the people around Pembroke are simply "Indians."

Happily, as a people who have known discrimination themselves, they are not unappreciative of the needs and problems of the Negro people among and around them. Notice, also, that only fifteen years ago two-thirds at least of the Indian farm families were sharecroppers on the heathen contract called the "thirds." They did all the work, and got none of the capital, and got a third of the crop. Largely as a result of special governmental efforts the Indians are quite predominantely now a land-owning people. The cleared former swamp lands are rich and they do famously with tobacco and cotton and many new crops. The landlords, incidentally, were traditionally Scotch.

As you know, I do my best to contrive for the visitors who would be interested, a look at the changes that have occurred as well as the problems that remain in the old Plantation Belt. Pembroke is right in it!

By other good fortune, the college has just been host to a representative of the Mexican Embassy, and they know the ropes on showing a visitor about agriculturally.

If you can contrive carriage by train or bus for Jaipaul to Pembroke, that would be wisest; though I am satisfied that if no carriage can be contrived my friends at Raleigh, the Crittendens, would make the long drive down to Pembroke and back. But I prefer not to ask that if avoidable.

Now come back to the matter of the Southern Regional Council conference near Chapel Hill. It is over at lunch-time Friday, June 3rd. It is at a spot probably fifteen miles from the airport. So I see little wisdom in trying to get Jaipaul to the last couple of hours of the conference. Better to have him ride the plane as booked to arrive at the Raleigh-Durham airport by Friday, June 3rd, Flight 527 at 1:24 p.m. I will ask the Crittendens to meet him there.

By another bit of good fortune, I board at the Raleigh-Durham airport Friday, June 3rd, the same Flight 527 which Jaipaul will be deplaneing from. He gets in at 1:24, the plane and I go out at 1:40. So he and I and the Crittendens -- luck being with us -- should have ten minutes together at the airport.

Therefore, Jaipaul's schedule under this arrangement becomes:

Arrives Raleigh-Durham at 1:24 p.m, Friday, June 3rd, will be met by the Crittendens who will take him to their home, 1537 Caswell Street in Raleigh. Telephone number 3-6864. In the custody and, perhaps, the hospitality of the Crittendens June 3rd, 4th, and part of Sunday, June 5th.

June 5th from Raleigh to Pembroke. If possible Jaipaul should contrive to be at Pembroke by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 5th in order to attend President Wellons' reception. Sleeps June 5th, 6th and 7th at Pembroke College's guest room, under the suzerainty of Harry Wellons and mainly under the guidance of Abner Nash Locklear, vicinity of Prospect, near Pembroke. I am writing Locklear.

June 8th, returns to Washington. That transportation you should also attempt to work out. I suggest ACL again, which will have trains direct from Pembroke to Richmond and thence without change via R.F. & P. to Washington. Doubtless there is a sleeper, but probably also involving unearthly hours of boarding.

Quite all right for this letter or a copy to be forwarded to Jaipaul, but because of the delicacy of the matters of race, it should not be shown to Pembroke citizens.

Please send Harry Wellons at Pembroke further information about Jaipaul, as I sent mine on to the Crittendens. Also send dope about Jaipaul to Mr. Abner Nash Locklear, RFD, Maxton, North Carolina, vicinity Prospect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Info copy - FBR

May 20, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

I had word today that the two men tentatively chosen to take over the job in Virginia have accepted. They are John H. Marion of Richmond, and William M. Cooper of Hampton. Excellent men who will do well.

I assume that they will get an office going about June 1st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1955

Mr. Abner Nash Locklear
RFD
Maxton, North Carolina

Dear Abner:

I suppose Mr. Wellons would have been in touch with you. Nice guy from India coming in named Jaipaul.

Friends of mine in Raleigh named Crittenden are being hospitable to Jaipaul June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. He is coming to stay in the College guest house at Pembroke the nights of June 5th, 6th and 7th.

Wellons is all tied up with Commencement and can be no more than just hospitable. I do hope you are going to be around and will do me the great favor of affording a good deal of time to take Jaipaul around and showing him things. He needs to learn about farming and sharecropping and tenancy and all the things you can tell him. Please you and your wife have him at your home to a meal or two and let him be part of your own circles.

A lot to ask. If you are not going to be available, let me know, but it would be mighty nice if you could do this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Info copy - FBR

May 20, 1955

Mr. Harry Wellons
President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Blessedly nice of you. I have notified the Governmental Affairs Institute, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., DUpont 7-6612, in the person of its Secretary, H. Philip Mettger, that Jaipaul is to be under the suzerainty of Harry Wellons and in the College guest room from the afternoon of Sunday, June 5th, through the night of Tuesday, June 7th. And, that in the course of June 8th, Jaipaul will make his way back to Washington -- probably by ACL.

I have sent off elsewhere the information I had about Jaipaul, and I only remember that he is, as I told you, a Press Officer attached to the Congress Party. I have asked Mettger to send you more information about Jaipaul.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Info copy - FBR

P.S. I don't know just when Jaipaul arrives, or by what conveyance, but I have notified Mettger that Jaipaul should try to be in time for your reception at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5th. Do get Abner and his wife to take the load of steering the man around.

I gave a man a ride today. When he got out he said, "as many thanks as there are drops in a rainstorm.

May 20, 1955

TO: KS

We have word today from Jack Marion in Virginia that he accepts the job and so does Cooper. I have written Marion as attached.

Please unroll for him your normal "start up a new one" procedure.

GSM/eab

Encl.

cc:Finner
CHP

May 20, 1955

Mr. WalterE. Thorwald
2201 N.E. 6th Terrace S
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Walter:

I am enclosing the memo which went out to all of our state staff people about our semi-annual staff meeting to be held at Camp New Hope, N.C. I am doing this before we get official confirmation of your acceptance of the position for I feel that if you do accept you should have this material in sufficient time to give it proper consideration.

In the event that you do accept, I believe it is highly desirable that you attend the meeting at New Hope for here will ge gathered our state people, some of whom have now had a year's experience in the field and here too will be gathered our central staff.

I hope that things will work out well for you at the University and that it will be possible for you to accept the position with the Florida Council on Human Relations. I hope that I'll see you in North Carolina June 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant for State
Organization

FBR:rnf

May 20, 1955

Mrs. William T. Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

That was most gracious of you to send the wire about Mrs Bethune.

Her courage, her determination, her achievements were, and will be, a beacon light for all who live in less than liberty.

I am particularly appreciative of the opportunity your Council gave me to sit at her side only a few weeks ago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 23, 1955

Mrs. Thelma W. Babbitt
National Director
Job Opportunities Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Babbitt:

I greatly wish I could be with you in Baton Rouge June 12th, but I am long promised to be at a labor school at Blue Ridge June 12th through the 17th, and I will have to stick to that.

If you are in Atlanta on Saturday, June 11th, do call me at home (Dearborn 5961) and we can talk. On the 12th I will be driving toward Blue Ridge.

Our group in Louisiana is called the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. Milton Vigo is its Director. His address is 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. I think Milton could help you on the Baton Rouge matter.

Difficult for me to be at Baton Rouge between June 20 and June 23. I will have been out a solid week and will be about to go out again to Washington and Lexington, Kentucky, and I have to be in this office once in a while!

What you are doing and what we are doing need to be always closer together, and I appreciate the implication of that in your kind invitation. And wish to goodness I could show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 23, 1955

Mr. John E. Shirley
Secretary
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West Thirty-Fifth Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Shirley:

We are exceedingly grateful for the grant from the Sigmund Silberman Foundation to the Southern Regional Council.

Would we had many more such friends as the Sigmund Silberman Foundation.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official Receipt $300.

May 23, 1955

TO: KS

These minutes came in from Arkansas.

Will you do some thinking on their budget and tell me how it seems to come out?

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 23, 1955

Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In regard to your letter of May 2, I have been asked to correspond with you concerning Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties in North Carolina.

I have taken those portions from the Menefee report that I think are pertinent to these counties and am forwarding the information to you. The list of persons contacted in each of the counties is included with the exception of Mitchell County. As far as I can determine from the reports, Jason B. Deyton, superintendent of the county schools, was the principal contact there. Dr. Mitchell tells me that this information was gathered with the understanding that it be kept confidential and asks me to remind you of that aspect of the report.

Also, I have mailed a letter to Mr. Menefee asking him for any additional information or suggestions he may have. I will write you again as soon as I hear from him.

In regard to SRC members, Dr. Mitchell suggests that the Rev. Harry S. Jones be contacted as to the proper people in the counties to aid in this work.

Please let me know if there is any additional information I can send along.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

From the report of Robert Menefee, July, 1954

YANCEY COUNTY -- As to the situation in general here I think it may very well be somewhat unique in terms of the need for integration and perhaps even the opportunity for it, and it may be unique in its indifference and inertia....In the first place the county schools are apparently lagging behind those even in adjacent counties. There is one Negro elementary school which is admittedly inferior and overdue for replacement. There is no Negro high school at all. The twelve to seventeen high school pupils are transported daily 40 miles to Asheville. It is generally agreed in Burnsville at least that the county is overdue for consolidation. All of this makes the time right for integration.

In the second place I have been considerably impressed with the possibility for action in this town (Burnsville) and county. This is due to a good many situations. There have already been an unusual number of bi-racial events a few beginnings on real interracial activity. To list a few of these:

a. The public library here is open to all without discrimination.

b. A hospital has recently built and is operating on a non-discriminatory basis as far as I could find out. At least a Negro can get any room in the hospital for which he can pay.

c. One of the best music teachers in the town has several Negro pupils and holds her student recitals on an entirely non-segregated basis.

d. The annual World Day of Prayer includes a luncheon here and this year the invitation to the church women was sent to the Negro church as well as others, and several Negro ladies came to the luncheon and service and there was no comment or concern.

It is probably also significant that the Negroes in this community, while fairly few (about one per cent) are unusually self reliant and economically independent. Most of them own their own homes. When the city was unable or unwilling to install a water system for the main Negro settlement, the Negroes themselves put in running water using springs on some of their property, laying the pipes, buying the fixtures, etc., themselves. This kind of thing has won them considerable respect among the whites. There was in fact, complete agreement among all those with whom I talked that integration would take place in the county whenever it became state policy and that there would be no problem of any serious nature when that happened. Only one person said flatly that he favored separate schools. This significantly enough was the county school superintendent, but his term of office will end this year and several people intimated that the new administration would probably be a better one.

Offsetting these several favorable factors there is an almost complete indifference and inertia....Among those with whom I talked, most feel that there is no race problem in Burnsville and that there will not be a problem when integration comes and there is no reason to get stirred up....

Persons Menefee contacted in YANCEY COUNTY:

1. Dr. C.F. McRae -- District Public Health Officer
2. H.D. Justice -- County School Superintendent
3. Rev. D.B. Alderman -- Methodist Minister
4. Tom Flack -- Negro farmer and church leader
5. R.H. Wilson -- Lawyer, highly respected
6. Oscar Deyton -- Local farm supply dealer
7. Mrs. "Tilly" Brooks -- Methodist rural worker
8. Rev. Joe Petree -- Methodist rural minister
9. Mack Ray -- District Supervisor, F.H.A.
10. Hobart Ray -- Businessman, Methodist layman

MITCHELL COUNTY -- Mitchell County now has only seven Negro children going to school. Six of these are in Spruce Pine. They are going by bus to Marion over in McDowell County where there is a new, large and good Negro school. Marion is only 20 miles from Spruce Pine but the bus adds another ten miles in order to pick up one child. All of this obviously adds up to a situation in which integration would be simpler and more economical. To this point of view Mr. Deyton (county school superintendent) has long since come. He says quite flatly that the school could have been integrated in that county twenty-five years ago and he himself had made ready for integration this fall. Following the Supreme Court decision he had talked with the Spruce Pine P.T.A. and with the teachers and was all set to integrate this fall. When the North Carolina State Board announced its policy for this year of continuing last year's arrangement, Deyton decided to wait, feeling that he would embarrass the state board and nearby counties. He claimed also that the Negro families like the present arrangement and have asked him to maintain it. He assured me that Mitchell County would put the Negro children in the Spruce Pine school as soon as the state board was ready.

AVERY COUNTY -- Had a long conversation with W.K. Anderson, county school superintendent. He gave me information on the county school situation. Avery County has 30 to 50 Negro children in school. One school is maintained combining both high school and elementary work, presided over by a Negro couple both of whom teach. There were thirty-three people in the school last year which of course means a very high pupil-teacher ratio. The Negro school building is rather old and everyone admits the school, while having had very good staff in the last few years, cannot do the kind of job that other county schools are doing. Avery has gone very far in its consolidation program and has large, diversified high schools and elementary schools. Mr. Anderson seems a very capable man although he

has the handicap of being appointed by the Democratic state administration to serve in a county which is 80% Republican in every election. He sees no reason why integration cannot move along in Avery County whenever the state calls for it, but he was rather cautious and is not disposed to take chances. His political situation should be sufficient explanation....(In conclusion, Menefee says of Avery County:) 1. The county is generally ready for integration in the sense that it will proceed when the state board is ready. 2. If the state policy is to leave any room for county choice, the issue could become touchy in this county. There are some strong feelings among county leaders. 3. The coming of integration sooner or later is largely taken for granted. There is not much inclination to deal in any organized fashion with how, when, etc.

Contacts in Avery County:

Newland	W.K. Anderson -- County School Superintendent
	Howard Collins -- business man, former principal in Newland
	Sam Mortimer -- business man, Presbyterian layman
Crossmore	Mrs. Sloop, founder and builder of boarding home for 200 children who attend public school
Riverside	Sam Heaton, long-time county commissioner
Ingalls	Mrs. Frank Phillips -- housewife, leader of young people's work, Methodist
Elk Park	Mrs. Brooks Shell -- Welfare worker and Red Cross representative in county
	Mr. and Mrs. George Bowman -- retired county school superintendent and teacher
Banner Elk	Dr. Woodbridge, at Banner Elk Hospital, active church layman

May 23, 1955

TO: GTH

Seymour Samet, the professional person for the Southeast employed by the American Jewish Committee and station at Miami, 213 N. E. Second Avenue, was in Atlanta May 20th.

He came by the office and asked to be brought up to date on matter of Georgia and the forthcoming White House conference on education.

I told him I would ask you to write him and fill him in.

GSM/eab

23 May 1955

Mr.Roy S. McWilliams, V.Pres.,
Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation
631 Pearl Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

May I add my sense of personal loss to the thousands of others at the passing of so fine a lady, so great a spirit as Mrs. Bethune ? We, who work in the field of human relations, will sadly miss her; and those of us who knew her will never forget the great and wise things she did.

Mrs. Bethune agreed only last February to serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida Council on Human Relations an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council and her sage advice and counsel will be greatly missed there.

Along with Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Bethune has been recognized as one of the "Great Ladies" of our time and it was a recognition she well deserved.

Once more my sincere regrets at this loss to you, to the South and Nation, and to all who believe in and work for the cause of equality and freedom for all.

In sympathy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

May 23, 1955

Mr. Witherspoon Dodge
Executive Director
National Religion and Labor Foundation
3392 North High Street
Columbua 2, Ohio

Dear Witherspoon:

You wrote me April 25th bringing in the matter of the map which the Citizens Fact-Finding Committee cared for for some years and which has been with us for three or four years, largely as a matter of having a place to hang it.

The map has been useful, I must say.

I will take a flyer that its present value is in the neighborhood of $5.00, and here is SRC's check to cover.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC check for $5.00

Tuesday, May 24, 1955

Memorandum on Tennessee Meeting

TO: GSM
[redacted]

FROM: GTH

On the basis of the memoranda on Tennessee finances authorized by Dr. Mitchell on Thursday, May 19, the following information was given to the Tennessee Executive Board as a basis for their planning the operation for the remaining four months of the grant period.

Operation money including proportion for clerical staff---------- 1,907.

Available for professional services- 5,000.

It is understood that salaries will be paid from Atlanta and it was suggested that the details of payment of consultants be developed cooperatively whenever the consultants group is together for orientation. It is likely that Mr. Miller will employ an office secretary on a whole- or part-time basis with the understanding that such a person may secure additional clerical assistance within the limits indicated if it is necessary.

rnf

May 24, 1955

Mr. R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

Apologies! I operated from "memory," and somewhere in my travels I knew a man named Harry Wellons, whose name pops into my head when I intend to be thinking of you.

Still mighty good of you to make all the arrangings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

I stopped, on last Friday morning I believe, and talked with Morton Weiss. He wishes to continue as an active member of the Finance Committee, but for reasons related to the business does not think it wise for him to be the Treasurer. I, of course, did not dispute his wishes.

So we are still in need of a Treasurer and I should think that the Executive Committee would be grateful for any ideas you and others on the subcommittee may have on that score.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1955

Mr. Charles G. Hamilton
Box 790
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Charles:

I still do not think your staff proposal a wise one.

I have read the article with much interest and instruction. While I do not doubt that the broad sweep of it accurately describes the situation, I am the more impressed as to the depths of the bitterness and the shallowness of peace in the state because of the anger of your language. It isn't my notion of the way to get the state to change. But I admit that you live in Mississippi and I don't.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. "Streamlined KuKlux:The Mississippi Terror"

May 24, 1955

Dr. Martin Grossack
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Grossack:

I am covered with shame to find your letter of February 7th still unanswered.

We have got our hands full with setting up these twelve state organizations. That is all we can undertake.

The people who would quite possibly be interested in what you propose are the Child Study Association, 132 East 74th Street, New York 21, N. Y., of which Gunnar Dybwad is the Executive Director.

Warm regards to Philander Smith and to my good friend Mr. Iggers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1955

Mr. George McMillan
Box 249
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

That was most kind and prompt of you. Nothing is nicer than to have a friend who, in the words of Kipling, "causes things to be accomplished."

Alston spoke quite highly of the man concerned, and we have commended him for the place in Texas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1955

Mr. Crawford Solomon
Convention Press
218 W. Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Crawford:

As you no doubt know, the Florida Council has chosen as their Executive Director a young guy from the University of Florida who is the Director at the Student Union by the name of Walter Thorwald. There is one difficulty involved and that is Walter would like to get with the Council by taking leave from the University of Florida. This question is to be considered on Monday of next week.

I was wondering if you would think it appropriate for you to drop a note to Mr. Harley Chandler, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the University of Florida saying that as a member of the board of the Florida Council and as a good friend of the University (or some such words) you would hope that the granting of this leave would be possible. This would greatly help I am sure in helping the University reach a decision to grant leave of absence to Thorwald.

Next time I get down to Jacksonville, we must get together and bend elbows.

Your buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf
airmail
cc:P. Finner
W. Thorwald

May 24, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
815 Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Hollis:

As you no doubt know, the Florida Council on Human Relations has chosen as its Executive Director Walter Thorwald of the University of Florida who is Director of the Student Union. He has requested from the University a leave of absence to take the job with the Florida Council.

If you think it proper, it would be very helpful if you would drop a note to Mr. Harley Chandler, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the University of Florida saying that as a board member of the Florida Council and as a friend of the University you think the leave would be helpful both to the state and to the institution (or words to this effect). This question comes up for consideration next Monday, so if possible a quickie would help.

By-the-by, have you parted with the sailboat yet and if so have you replaced it and if so with what? Next time, I get by home I will surely stop by. Please give my regards to your good spouse Hathaway.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf
airmail
cc:P.Finner
W.Thorwald

May 24, 1955

Mr. C. McLeod Bryan
Mercer University
Macon, Ga.

Dear Mac:

Thank you for your letter of May 19th regarding my participation in the summer conference of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen at Black Mountain, N.C. Certainly I will be pleased to participate and will make note of it on my calendar to keep that particular date open for that purpose. I don't know if it will be possible for me to attend the entire conference because of the pressing load of work this summer. Is it possible for the Fellowship to pay expenses from Atlanta up to Black Mountain and back? I would expect no remuneration, of course, but the Council, inspite of its grant from the Fund for the Republic, is not a wealthy organization and our travel budget is now strained to the point where we expect it to snap almost momentarily. In the event that you cannot pay travel, I think it would still be possible for me to attend but a travel allowance would be of great help to us.

Thank you and Bill Kirkland too for the kind remarks about my participation in the Macon meeting. I was much impressed with the people who attended and feel that you have there the sort of group which I wish we had in every Southern community for it was noticeable that you have opened the lines of communication on a thoroughly democratic basis between Negro and white people in Macon. I do not mean to imply that you have solved all the problems of Macon but I would say that you have made possible an honest "look-at" the problems, the resources and the needs of the community, and this is the first real step in any community meeting its problems.

I would appreciate when it is available a schedule of the meeting to be held at Black Mountain so I might best plan transportation and participation. I would suggest as a topic for my contribution, "Changing Patterns in Human Relations."

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

Copy to: Mr. Morton Weiss
Also for: Money-raising box.

May 24, 1955

Mr. I. Y. East
International Paper Company
Mobile 9, Alabama

Dear Mr. East:

Morton Weiss here at Montags likes and helps our Southern Regional Council. He tells me that you are Chairman of Community Relations Services for the Southeastern Paper and Pulp Industry, and that you will be holding an annual meeting for the Industry November 9th at the Biltmore in Atlanta. I was going to write and ask if I, or someone from the Council, could be considered for a brief appearance on the program; but unfortunately the 9th is the day of the Southern Regional Council's own annual Board meeting, probably at New Orleans, and therefore a day when all of us are out of town.

Still, we are a Southern group at work on the pressing problems of race relations, and we hope for an opportunity to make the acquaintance of people in the Paper and Pulp Industry in the South who might show some interest in our program and some day in helping us with funds. We are an old-established body going back through our predecessor the Commission on Interracial Cooperation to 1919, and in our own name to a series of Southwide meetings which set up the Southern Regional Council early in 1944. We have avoided noise-making and have tried to work to get things done.

I enclose a statement of our general policies and a recent leaflet about the Council. We are represented in Alabama by an affiliate, the Alabama Council on Human Relations, of which Mr. Robert Hughes at the Moore Building, Court Street, Montgomery, is the Director.

I shouldn't expect a simple letter to you to have great consequence, but I hope that you will be willing to let me come to see you on some occasion when I am to be in Mobile, or when the two of us reach the same city otherwise!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The South of the Future
Gray leaflet

May 24, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 W. Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Paul:

Just a short note to say thanks for keeping me briefed of the developments in Florida by sending me a copy of your memo to the members of the Executive Board regarding the postponement of the state board meeting, which was previously set for June 1st or 3rd. It is highly important to keep the lines of communication open between the state offices and the central office and this was a good example of how it should be done.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf

May 24, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
P. O. Box 67
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Man you did it! I am fifty-two and I never saw a manuscript change so much from one draft to another. For page after page of this new one you are hitting on all fours.

She has a few rough spots yet. I will try my hand at editing out some of them and will send it back to you. For instance, I think we could compress some of the latter part of the Ratchford bulletin from North Carolina. (How amazingly apropos it is!) And I think the transition from history along about pages 24, 25, and 26 to the modern changes drags some. But those are matters of editing.

One thing I raise that I think would contribute a lot to action. Can you find some extension bulletins about communities that have voluntarily gone over to decent tenure? And load in two, three, or four paragraphs about such communities?

Another small point is that I think there are many more states besides those you listed. Iowa and Idaho and what have you, they have issued bulletins about their problems of land tenure. I am pretty sure Kentucky has, and I think South Carolina has, though they may be old. I should think somebody in one of the libraries available to you could turn up all the references. Don't load for the learned look -- I would only list the ones that look like they were behaving modernly.

You rejoice me in this smooth hard meaningful prose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc & incoming ms. to HCF

May 24, 1955

Mrs. Margaret W. Dagen
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

Thank you for your letter of May 21st and I have written to Dr. Coleman inviting him to Camp New Hope. I am enclosing a copy of the letter to him and will send him a copy of this so that the lines of communication are open all the way round.

I am more sorry than I can say to hear that you are moving back to St. Louis for from what Dr. Parrish tells me you have been the ideal person as Executive Director of the Kentucky Council and your services and talents there shall be sadly missed. I am sorry that I did not get to know you for I have heard so many good things about you from so many different sources including Myron Schwartz from St. Louis. I know he and the other folks out there will rejoice at your return but we shall miss you nevertheless.

My best regards to my many friends there in Kentucky, and once more, sorry that we shall not see you at Camp New Hope.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
StateOrganization

FBR:rnf
cc: L. Coleman

May 24, 1955

Dr. Lee Coleman
Dept. of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

We certainly would appreciate your coming down to the Camp New Hope meeting for we believe that you could make a real contribution to the group. I think it would be of interest to you to meet the SRC folks who work in this field across the South.

I don't know what the situation is at the camp regarding facilities for families but one of our directors, Milton Vigo from Louisiana, is bringing his wife with him. There are swimming and other facilities at the camp and certainly we would welcome your family. I don't know what the financial arrangements would be. That would be up to the Kentucky Council but prices at the camp are extremely reasonable. I think that your wife and children would enjoy the opportunity for a rest at the camp and certainly it would be nice for you to have them there.

I look forward to seeing you in North Carolina with family for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf
airmail

May 24, 1955

Mrs. Ruth Ohlinger
748 Myrtle, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Ohlinger:

Many thanks for your kind letter about my speech to St. Lydia's Friday night. I did not expect that all of the people there would agree with my point of view but thought it was important that they understand that responsible people were thinking in terms of compliance with the Supreme Court decision rather than defiance of the Federal Government. I am a firm believer in states rights but I am a firmer believer in the supremacy of the Federal union and, above and beyond both, a person who believes that a democratic society can have but one class of citizens -- first class.

The remainder of your letter interests me very much in that I sense in it a seeking on your part for a field of endeavor to which you can dedicate yourself. I certainly like the idea of your going into professional work in this area. There is a great need for sane, competent people to do the job that must be done. I am sending you under separate cover a few of our publications which I think willhelp spell out some of our concepts.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
In Charge of State
Organization

FBR:rnf
enclosures:
Statement of Policy
Toward the South of the Future
Christian Conscience
The Churches Speak
New South - Feb. 1955

May 25, 1955

Mr. Herbert Davidson
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

Thank you for the right words about Mrs. Bethune

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

May 25, 1955

Copy of this letter mailed to:

Mr. Nat Griswold
Fred Darragh
C. C. Walker
Robert Hughes
Duncan Hunter
W. A. Bell
John H. Marion
Carrol Brooke
W. R. Banks
James S. Crate
F. Woods Beckman
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Harry Jones
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Mrs. Rousseve
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B. R. Brazeal
G. E. Clary
Guy H. Wells
W. C. Taylor
Paul F. Finner
Walter Thorwald

May 25, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

When the Finance Committee met you very kindly promised to get out letters to various people, mostly Church officials, who might be brought to put SRC into their annual budgets. You wanted a hundred copies of the grey leaflet. Here are the leaflets. As to the letters, if you will give us in draft what you want to say, and the names and addresses, marking those names for whom you wish an informal salutation (and which -- Dear Harry, or what?) and the stationery, we will get the letters typed and back to you for signature.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
100 Grey Leaflets under separate cover
this date.

May 25, 1955

Mr. Robert Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Fred showed me your letter about travel to Chapel Hill, etc.

I suggest that you and Mr. Pierce spend the night of the way up at the Mitchells' house. You would be very welcome and there is plenty of room -- two entirely empty rooms.

We live three or four miles from the thick of town on your way out toward Chapel Hill. 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., telephone DEarborn 5961. Map enclosed. Alice, my wife, will be expecting the two of you. Come early or late. If late, you may find nobody up and around, but there will be lights on and Alice will appear.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mrs. Mitchell

P. S. I will be coming in that night by plane from the West Coast -- about 10:00 p.m. But disregard me -- I'll show!

May 25, 1955

TO: Morris Abram

In accordance with Paragraph (f) of Treasury's instructions for protest, I hope you will bring over to the meeting of the Executive Committee tomorrow the form of power of attorney for you, to be executed by two principal officers of SRC authorizing you to act for SRC.

Observe that the power of attorney is to be supplied in duplicate. Advise executing it in triplicate so that SRC's files may retain one copy.

eab/

May 25, 1955

TO: Morris Abram

In addition to the items in this file, I will have available before the time of the hearing a simple statement of monies paid out to state organizations through May 31st; and a listing state by state of the language incorporated in the state organizations' by-laws and/or charter binding the state organizations to non-political activity.

eab/

May 25, 1955

TO: Morris Abram

Well if by the time of the Executive Committee meeting tomorrow you could advise whether you should be representing the Georgia Committee or the Southern Regional Council at the protest hearing. I suppose in a technical sense the hearing is solely on the matter of the Georgia Committee, but the Southern Regional Council's program is so heavily involved that they may cheerfully accept you as representative of SRC, which I would prefer.

But if the other is necessary, I daresay it could be quickly arranged.

eab/

May 25, 1955

The Reverend Mr. Grover
Baptist Church
Logansville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Grover:

I am conscious of owing you $1.50, as well as many thanks for floating lunch the other day when you were here.

A real pleasure to have you, and I hope you will come back. Let us be helpful to you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. $1.00 cash
50¢ stamps

May 25, 1955

TO: KS

On advice of Leonard Haas May 24th, I have today obligated us to pay travel expense and legal fees to Morris Abram to represent SRC at the tax protest hearing in Washington, June 8, 1955.

eab/

May 25, 1955

Mr. Quintin Whyte
The South African Institute of
Race Relations
P. O. Box 97
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Quintin:

How very kind of you to write about New South in its better dress. We were in conscious imitation of "Race Relations News."

A story goes around these shores about a jeweler with a clock in his window, who noticed that every morning a particular individual came by and set his watch by the jeweler's clock. This was New England and both parties were slow to come to words. But, finally, the jeweler remarked on the matter. T'other man said, "Yes, I am the man who blows the whistle at the factory and I have to be right." "Huh, that's funny," said the jeweler, "I set my clock by your whistle."

I do wish I could make a plan to come to your country. But I daresay we both have our hands full on home territory right now.

Warmest regards to you both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

In the excitements of the past few days (Executive Committee meeting) I haven't written you to tell you that we all read Van Woodward's book and thought it notable and an extremely helpful contribution at this stage in the controversy. We put our strongest urging behind getting it into wide circulation in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1955

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

I will do what I can to fit in conversation with Judge Makasiar: but I am caught at an inopportune time when I will have been out in field travel a lot and will have only a pressingly brief time in the office before going out again June 7th. But I am in the office June 6th.

It is a good deal to ask of Judge Makasiar, but I suggest that he arise early enough on the morning of Monday, June 6th to take a cab to my home and let us have breakfast together, and we can talk a little at the office.

My home is at 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., in a neighborhood called Druid Hills. A taxi will need about twenty minutes to get there. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m.

If that won't suit Judge Makasiar, he is perfectly welcome to come over to the office which is only a few blocks from his hotel at 9:15 Monday morning, June 6th, and we could have less time together there.

But there are others in the office who will be here at that time and who can be helpful and informing to him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. Mitchell

May 26, 1955

Reverend Marvin Bordelon
P. O. Box 589
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Father Marvin:

Mighty sorry I missed you. Nice of you to call. I hope there will be some early occasion when we can sit and talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crittenden
1537 Caswell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet and Chris:

I am put out with the man Jaipaul.

You and Janet are mighty good to have been willing to take care of him. These birds when they travel around ought to stick to their schedule.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1955

TO: HCF

Could you try to have a look at this film and advise me about it?

/eab

May 26, 1955

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

I am to be at Chapel Hill June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and have written Barth and asked him to bundle up the material. I hope to collect it then and get it very shortly thereafter to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
N.C. Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street -- Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

You did quite right by inviting members of the Executive Committee to visit Camp New Hope while our staff is in session.

I think any and all of the meetings would be of help to them and all of the meetings are open. GSM and I talked this over and we agree on this position.

With kindest regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR:rnf

May 26, 1955

Mr. Will Maslow
Dir. Commission on Law
and Social Action
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Please send us 50 copies of your mimeographed "A Model State Human Relations Commission Bill."

We have distributed copies to all of our state organizations in the twelve Southern states and some of them are beginning to find them useful in talking with some of their friends in the legislatures.

With best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf

May 27, 1955

Lester Markel, Editor
The New York Times Magazine
New York Times Publishing Co.
229 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Markel:

The Southern Regional Council is interested in distributing copies of the article "School Desegregation: A Case History," which appeared in the May 8, 1955, issue of The New York Times Magazine.

If reprints of the article are available or will be available, please advise us as to the price and the proper person to contact in placing an order.

If reprints of the article are not available from your office, would it be permissable for the Southern Regional Council to undertake the reprinting of enough copies of the article for our use?

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

May 27, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I am authorized by the President of SRC, Mr. Marion A. Wright, to accept the willingness expressed in your letter of May 26th to take up the matter of tax-exemption, and for the fee stated. We are grateful for the willingness of your firm to assume the burden in this most considerate way.

I have talked by long distance phone with Mr. Guy Wells, and he is pleased that you will represent the Georgia Interracial Committee. I think it altogether probable that the SRC and the GIRC will divide the expense in some proportion.

You have Mr. Wells' authorization to request postponement of the hearing now set for Wednesday, June 8th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 27, 1955

Dr. Haskell M. Miller
Department of Sociology
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Haskell:

Many thanks for your good letter and I hasten to reply. Mrs. Leech sounds like a very desirable person to us here in the office. The decision to hire her rests with the pople of your committee but we approve from this end.

I am turning over to Katherine Stoney the section of your letter regarding finances for the office, salary, etc., etc., and she will write you this afternoon. The possibility of getting the office of the League of Women Voters which you mention sounds kind of good. It should be remembered, and I'm sure you considered this, that people of all races will be working out of the office from time to time.

I am enclosing a copy of the memo which went out to our other state people and I would suggest that Mrs. Leech come to Camp New Hope so that she might be oriented regarding the work of SRC and the Tennessee Council. I have talked this over with George Mitchell and he concurs. Don't forget that you are invited to come to New Hope too if it is at all possible in your busy schedule.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR:rnf
cc: F.W. Beckman
Dr. E. Lewis
enclosure

May 27, 1955

Mr. Burnham A. Colby
Adult Education Association
743 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Colby:

I will be happy to become a member of the Adult Education Association's Young Adult Section.

I am interested in the outline of the plan of organization which you enclosed and shall look forward to further opportunities to consider developing program.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rnf
Dictated May 25
encl.

Dictated May 25, 1955

May 27, 1955

Rev. J.A. McDaniel
546 Beale Street
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Reverend McDaniel:

It surely was a pleasure to see you in Nashville and the other good people from Memphis. Always like a visit to my old home town.

We are sending you under separate cover back issues of New South and the confusion about your subscription has been straightened out so you will receive all subsequent issues. We are also sending you a set of all of the other supplemental program material which has gone out during the year to the state organizations. In most cases the source of other copies of the material is indicated. For single issues we are able to answer requests from this office usually.

Your appraisal of the Memphis situation and the plan of work there certainly seems sound to me. Disperson of the state into three separate parts surely does not seem advisable. Especially since the state committee has approved the development of the consultant plan of work which will make possible a more widespread service over the state.

I have given your voucher to Miss Stoney and I am sure that you will receive the refund promptly.

Please give my best greetings to all friends in Memphis. I will look forward to the day when it is possible to visit with all of you.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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Alfred C. Galloway Co.
508 Lyle Avenue
Nashville 4, Tennessee

January 12, 1955

Rev. J.A. McDaniel
546 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Reverend McDaniel:

At the November 20th meeting of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, Mr. F. Woods Beckman appointed a nominating committee to select candidates forpermanent officers. The committee was as follows:

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Rev. J.A. McDaniel		Memphis
Mrs. Ann H. Rickey		Memphis
Dr. Bertis Capehart		Oak Ridge
Dr. James A. Colston		Knoxville
Mr. Alfred C. Galloway Chairman		Nashville

Doctors Capehart and Colston were not present at the meeting, however, the members present met immediately after lunch and decided upon the following names as permanent officers:

Chairman	F. Woods Beckman	Knoxville
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V. Chairman	Mr. Haskell Miller	Chattanooga
Executive Sec.	Dr. Elsie Lewis	Nashville
Treasurer	Mr. J.J. Ray	Nashville

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This report will be presented at the meeting in Nashville, January 15, 1955. I hope you will be present and that this proposed slate of officers meets the approval of the body.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Alfred C. Galloway
Chairman-Nominating Comm.

ACG/ib
cc: Mr. F. Woods Beckman
Rev. J.A. McDaniel
Mr. Haskell Miller
Dr. Elsie Lewis
Mr. J.J. Ray

May 27, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Thank you for the privilege of participating in the Tennessee Executive Committee meeting last Saturday. Although it was a long meeting, I feel that decisions which were made laid the basis for the development of a very sound plan of service to Tennessee communities. I believe that theTennessee Council on Human Relations is to be congratulated on the caliber of leadership which is assuming responsibility for the development of a plan for community services program.

You will be happy to know that the lost record of the Nominating Committee's work of January has turned up. Reverend McDaniel sent me a copy of the enclosed letter from Mr. Galloway. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Lewis and to Mr. Miller for their information. Of course, no contrary action was taken on Saturday but this at least completes the record.

With all good wishes for a happy summer.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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Rev. J.A. McDaniel
Mr. Haskell Miller
Dr. Elsie Lewis
Mr. J.J. Ray

May 27, 1955

Mr. John Skelton
P.O. Box 325
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Skelton:

Thank you for your letter of May 23rd and the accompanying biographical information. Your qualifications are most interesting, and I wish it were possible for us to consider you for employment at this time.

As it happens, however, the position of editorial assistant, about which you heard, has since been filled.

I should be very glad to have you come by for a conversation after your return to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

HCF:rnf

May 27, 1955

Miss Ruth Good
National Citizens Commission
for the Public Schools
2 West 45th Street
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Miss Good:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the tape, "The Negro and the Public Schools." It's arrival was most timely since we are on the eve of a Southwide conference for human relations personnel in the twelve Southern states. We plan to expose them to the tape, so that they may consider ways of using it in their programs.

As soon as we have had full opportunity to acquaint all our people with the show -- and perhaps an opportunity to reproduce it -- we will return the original tape safely to you. Meanwhile our sincere thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

HCF:rnf

May 27, 1955

Mr. Herman M. Case
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Case:

I have been feeling increasingly uncomfortable about sitting on your very interesting manuscripts reporting the findings of your opinion studies. Frankly, I have been hoping for some word from Guy Johnson, a prospect which you advanced in your letter of transmittal. Have you heard from Guy?

Our best judgment here is that the full reports -- or some of them -- might best be published by a professional journal. Even if we had the money to publish them in brochure form, they are somewhat too specialized and too localized to warrant a special publication by us. And New South, as you know, is too small a vehicle to carry even one of the full reports. The best we might be able to do would be to carry a popularly written article summarizing the high lights of your findings. But this I take it does not meet your primary need.

Accordingly I am returning the carbons of the three typed manuscripts, and, for the time being, am retaining the mimeographed report on 37 communities. We read them with great interest and I am only sorry that there is so little I can suggest in the way of publishing opportunities.

Please let me hear from you and meanwhile my best regards to you and to Sol Sutker.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

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May 27, 1955

Miss Marie D. Roberts
250 N.W. 46th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Miss Roberts:

We are sorry that your personal circumstances prevent you from considering a change at this time. However, we appreciate your interest in the work of the Council and hope that you will find it possible to play a part in the newly organized Florida Council on Human Relations, which is affiliated with us. Enclosed is a leaflet on which appears a membership blank. A dues payment of $5.00 will entitle you to membership in the Florida Council and to receipt of New South and SRC's other publications. If you care to send the payment to us we will transmit your membership to the Florida group.

Fred Routh asked me to give you his warmest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

HCF:rnf

May 27, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed,

Thanks for the copy of Morroe Berger's book. I have been delegated to write you that we all agree that its strategic circulation in the South would be helpful and particularly timely just now.

If the AJC has a supply of the book that it can afford to distribute free, we could use 50 copies to good effect; these we would get into the hands of leadership people in our affiliated state movements. The thesis that Berger sets out is not so well known even among the "persuaded" leadership down here that they could not profit greatly from the book.

If you are thinking of developing a more general list of strategic persons in the South to receive the book, we would be glad to work with you on it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

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May 27, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

As you no doubt noticed in the last issue of Southern School News, effective in July, it is going to charge a modest subscription fee. Have you entered your own subscription, or would you like us to pay for one in your name?

If you will let me know at your earliest opportunity, we can attend to this along with the provision for the staff here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

HCF:rnf

May 27, 1955

Dr. C.H. Parrish
SRC Consultant
926 S. Sixth St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear C.H.:

Have you made your own arrangements about subscribing to Southern School News now that it's on a paying basis? Or do you want us to enter a subscription for you?

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for
Information

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May 27, 1955

Dr. Elsie M. Lewis
1724 14th Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Elsie

It was good to be with you all on Saturday. It seems to me that at long last some firm steps were taken which may help to get the Tennessee Council on Human Relations off the ground. I am sorry that the meeting was so long and it was not possible to have any further visiting with you. I will look forward to other chances in the near future.

The Tennessee Council is surely fortunate to have had your generous services as a volunteer secretary during these long months. We are all grateful here as I am sure the Tennessee Council is.

I suggested to Molly Todd, who is a member of the Community Services Committee reponsible for suggesting and securing consultants, th at Bonita Valien would be a worthy addition to the group. Maybe you will want to do what you can to advance this suggestion.

I hope you have a good summer and that you will keep in touch.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rmf
Dictated May 25

May 30, 1955

J. G. Taylor Spink, General Manager
The Sporting News
2018 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Spink:

Again, I want to thank you and your staff members for your very kind aid in the preparation of the New South article on baseball.

I am enclosing several copies of the issue in which the article appeared.

Thanks again.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

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May 31, 1955

Mr. Ralph McGill
3399 Piedmont Rd., N.E. - CH 7794
Atlanta, Georgia

NOW THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS SPOKEN, I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY EARNEST DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP IN GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH. IF SOUTHERNERS ARE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPENDING CHANGE AS AN OPPORTUNITY RATHER THAN A THREAT, THERE MUST BE MUCH EFFECTIVE INTERPRETATION. MANY JOIN ME IN THE HOPE THAT YOUR SKILL AND INFLUENCE MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT. YOUR VOICE HAS NEVER BEEN NEEDED MORE THAN AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME.

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman, Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council

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(To be delivered personally)

May 31, 1955

Ralph McGill, Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

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Rufus E. Clemer
Chairman Committee

May 31, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Ashley
1611 Drake Street
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

September 21st and 22nd are fine dates for your meeting on human relations at Avon Park.

I hope you can plan as you have anticipated with the money that we will provide for you.

I know you are delighted with the decision of the Supreme Court and now we must work to the end that local communities will prepare to carry out the decision.

With best wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

May 31, 1955

Miss Eleanor G. Coit
American Labor Education Service, Inc.
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Eleanor,

It was a great pleasure to have a little visit with Mr. Andersen. I'm sorry that I did not have the opportunity to spend more time with him and to perhaps enlarge his view of Atlanta and some very exiting happenings and developments here. We still look forward to your having a chance to visit with us and on the side I'll show you our little house.

I am delighted that Alice Washington is interested in coming to the White Collar Workshop. She is a very able young woman. Besides her professional position with the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, she also carries from time to time repertorial responsibilities with the Atlanta Daily World. She has splendid contacts with the various "white collar groups" in the Negro community in Atlanta and I am sure will profit from the workwhop in a way which will be helpful to Atlanta when she returns.

I wish I could be more helpful than I ever seem to be on the matter of scholarship funds. I think that the solution may be a long time one. In the coming year perhaps efforts should be made to have the Atlanta students who have at one time or another attended the summer school take the initiative in developing some fundraising efforts on a project basis through the various groups to which they are related.

I expect to be in New York toward the latter part of June and If you are around then, I will surely hope to see you. I certainly would like to take a look at the workshop this summer, particularly so since Joel Seidman will be there. I have not seen him nor his wife in years and I have a since affection for them both.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rnf
cc: Sue Cook

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU[illegible]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

The American Journal of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

June 1, 1955

Please send us the item(s) listed below in the quantity indicated.

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We wish a subscription beginning with the May 1955 issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

~~Anna Holden~~
~~Anna Holden~~
~~Information Assistant~~

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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Harper Bros.
49 East 33rd St.
New York 16, N.Y.

June 1, 1955

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1	"The Future of American Politics" Lubell

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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~~Information Assistant~~

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

June 1, 1955

Mr. Hugh D. Price
School of Public Administration
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We are interested in your article appearing in the Journal of Politics, May 1955, and wish to inquire about the availability of reprints.

We would appreciate your sending as many copies as you feel that you can spare, or letting us know how they may be secured and at what price.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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American Friends Service Committee
Community Relations Program
104 C. Street, N.E.
Washington 2, D.C.

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100	Booklet -- "The Right of Every Child" The Story of the Washington, D.C. Program of School Integration

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden

~~Anna Holden~~
~~Information~~ Assistant

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Staff v. Committee May 20, 1955

TO: GTH

When last I was in Philadelphia, AFSC said we might have for free one hundred copies of the pamphlet they have just done about Washington, D. C.

Here is the hundred.

We could get more for wider use if you think it wise.

Meanwhile, do what you think best with these.

GSM

GSM/eab

June 1, 1955

Mr. Emory F. Via
1221 East Fifty-Eighth Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Emory:

Good news that you and Margaret and David are coming to Atlanta.

What would you think of settling in at the Mitchells' house?

I have to be at a labor school at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, June 12-17, and Alice will be away at the same time -- driving the children North to the camp where they work, and coming back by Blue Ridge to pick me up. Alice and I will get home June 17th or 18th.

We will leave the key to our house (smaller front door) with the next door neighbors Mr. and Mrs. James L. Starnes. We had been skittish about leaving the house unoccupied and would really be delighted for that reason, and for all others, if you all would stay in our house. All you need do is pick up the key and move in.

There will be three empty bedrooms, and you can settle in any that you wish. One will obviously be Alice's and mine, but there are two rooms for the two girls upstairs and a guest room next to ours downstairs. All empty. It is possible to rent a baby crib. Johnny Olustrom, who runs a baby shop for babies, knows how to do it.

The right thing is for you all just to move in and set up housekeeping.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Mitchell

June 1, 1955

Mr. Dan Dodson, Editor
Journal of Educational Sociology
New York University
Washington Square
New York 31, New York

Dear Mr. Dodson:

We would like to have, if it is still available, 50 copies of the Journal of Educational Sociology, Volume 28, Number 2, October 1950.

If the entire issue of it is not available and if there are reprints of your article "Towards Integration," we would be grateful to have them shipped as soon as possible and billed to this office.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rnf

June 1, 1955

HCF:

I recall that there was some idea that one of the studies being made by the Fund for the Republic might review the matter of Roy Harris' criticisms of SRC. I am more and more impressed with the wisdom of hoping that that will happen.

eab/

June 1, 1955

HCF:

Any conversations as yet with Carson Pritchard?

eab/

June 1, 1955

Mr. H. S. Brown
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am mighty sorry but because only of a conflict in engagements I cannot get to the Texas school. I promised months ago to be at some nation-wide Methodist women's meeting at Kansas City August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. So that knocks me out.

I am particularly sorry because I think there are things I could helpfully talk with the Texas group on.

Give me a chance if you will next year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. You will know that the Southern Regional Council now has a Texas affiliate, called the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Thomas Sutherland at 309 West Twenty-First Street, Austin, Texas, is the Executive Director. Tom is a good speaker and is a warm friend to organized labor. It may be that for one or two sessions he could do what you want.

June 1, 1955

Mr. Joe Hoffer
Executive Secretary
National Conference of Social Work
345 East Forty-Sixth Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hoffer:

Safely back from your excellent meeting.

Here are the expenses:

Plane fare to San Francisco and back	=	$290.07
To airport in Atlanta & return	=	1.00
From airport in San Francisco and return	=	2.40
Tips	=	.25
Taxi	=	2.50
Meals	=	5.37
Hotel	=	20.70
Total	=	$322.29

'Tis a goodish bill, but I am sustained by the recollection of the pleasure of that great audience in having that particular subject opened before them.

You and your staff and Mr. Altmeyer and all the others were kindness itself to me, and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1955

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

You were so kind as to tell me that I might call on you Wednesday morning, June 8th.

Since that time we engaged Morris Abram as legal counsel on the whole matter, and he is asking the Treasury Office for a postponement of the hearing. So the June 8th trip and the hearing will not come off. But I am sensible and appreciative of your ready interest in our problem. I hope there will be a chance to confer with you later on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1955

Mr. Frederick Jeffrey
Fox Run Lane
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Marianne and Friedel:

Just general news to catch you up.

We think we are making headway with the goodish grant that the Fund for the Republic gave us. We have established state human relations agencies in ten or eleven states, and will get the last one going in the next few weeks. They come along in the nick of time when they can be really useful in helping the various states to comply with the Supreme Court's decision. Some of the state outfits are weak, but half of them are quite promising already, and the rest will come up to scratch. They are raising the smallish sume they have had to raise in order to qualify for next year's grant and we in this office have raised what we had to raise ($40,000) for the same purpose. It still does not float us through the fiscal year, but we will get through and will be moving into the next fiscal period October 1st.

I remember that this is a heavy year for you, and we have set our books to have no contribution from you in 1955. But if things are workable for you in 1956, I hope you will plan to help us again.

Alice is well, though her aunt now living at Port Jervis, New York, is far from well. Ellen is a freshman at William and Mary and is doing all right, though she says that the girls thereabouts are topnotch and the boys are grade four. Charlotte will be a senior in high school next year, and got herself elected president of the high school student body. I am just back from a trip to San Francisco where I made a speech to the National Conference of Social Work. I travel too much and hope to cut it down soon, though I have a heavy schedule this Summer going around teaching in trade union schools. It seems to me that few things are of more importance than to get new ideas into the leadership groups of Southern trade union forces, A. F. of L. and C.I.O.

We would rejoice in news of all of you.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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League of Women Voters of St. Louis
4740a McPherson
St. Louis 8, Mo.

June 1, 1955

Please send us the item(s) listed below in the quantity indicated.

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Quantity	Item
100	"Saint Louis Integrates its Schools"

Thank you.

Sincerely,

~~Anna Holden~~
~~Information Assistant~~

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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Dr. Don J. Hager, Research Director
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N.Y.

June 1, 1955

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25	Brief filed in Englewood, New Jersey, segregation case. Complainants - Mary Walker, Susanne Anderson

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

June 2, 1955

Mr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

We would appreciate it if you could send to this office 50 more copies of the announcement about the forthcoming Race Relations Institute, and any further information on program plans for the Institute, that you may have available for distribution.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

EAB/

June 2, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen, Ex. Dir.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
1319 Heyburn Building
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

Enclosed for your information and files is a copy of the letter we have written to your list of Kentucky Board of Education people.

The materials were sent out to them last week (May 27) and their first complimentary copy of New South will be mailed today.

We are charging the Kentucky Council for 19 subscriptions to New South, 19 copies each of Now is the Time and Changing Patterns. All other materials sent are without cost.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Rae N. Fiszman
Secretary

rnf

June 2, 1955

Mr. Keith C. Spears
2326 Longest Avenue
Louisville 4, Ky.

Dear Mr. Spears:

At the request of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, we have sent under separate cover a packet of materials which we believe will be of interest to you as you help to meet the challenge of planning for integration in the public schools.

You will also receive, compliments of the Kentucky Council, monthly issues of New South, the publication of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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Under separate cover:
Now is the Time
Changing Patterns (SRC)
School Integration (NCCW)
It Can Be Done (NAACP)
The Right of Every Child (AFSC)
The St. Louis Story
Bibliography (SRC)
Program Service (ADL)
A Memo on School Integration (NCLCH)

The attached letter sent to:

Mr. Morton Walker
418 W. Ormsby
Louisville 3, Ky.

Mr. Keith C. Spears
2326 Longest Avenue
Louisville 3, Ky.

Mr. Wm. C. Embry
~~$00/$1/2024/$1~~
2564 Woodbourne Avenue
Louisville 5, Ky.

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Louisville 5, Ky.

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Attention RA:

All of above are to be mailed complementary subscription to New South beginning May 1955.

Charge N.S. subscriptions to Kentucky Council.

Charge 19 Now is the Time and 19 Changing Patterns to Kentucky Council.

Dr. Miller: I am sending you under separate cover as I promised a copy of Dr. Sanders' "Making Good Communities Better)

June 3, 1955

Dr. James Colston
Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Colston:

We were sorry that you and Dr. Miller were prevented by the time of the year and other responsibilities from coming to the meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina. We understand completely your situation. Dr. Mitchell announced at the meeting that the Southern Regional Council was prepared to pay the tuition and travel for two professional staff members from each state to the University's Institute of Race Relations, at Fisk, from June 27th to July 9th. I send you this word in case you may have the group of consultants selected by that time and are in a position to recommend two who would be able to give the benefit to the work in Tennessee.

We were encouraged by your word that you hoped to have the group completed and be prepared for some orientation by the 10th of June. Dr. Parrish will be working full-time with the SRC during the months of June and July and we hope that you will feel free to call upon him for help in developing the plan of work. Although Dr. Coleman will be working at the University of Kentucky during the summer session, Parrish may be able to suggest some members of the Kentucky consultants who might be available for conferences as you prepare for the work in Tennessee. Please do let him know any ways in which you feel that the Central Office can be useful to you.

All good wishes to you and other friends in Tennessee.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rnf

cc:CHP
H. Miller

June 3, 1955

Dr. Herman Long
Institute of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Herman:

The Southern Regional Council is requesting that all of its employed state professional staff members attend the coming Institute at the expense of the Council. We have also urged that they encourage members of their Boards and other lay leadership in their state to attend.

We will be grateful if you will send to each of the attached list several copies of the announcement. Please send a single announcement and any of the material regarding the Institution to the following people suggested by various members of state staffs.

Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston 19, Tex.
Mrs. Tommie Stroud, 2524 Old Oaks Drive, Waco, Tex.
Mrs. Eidson, Waco, Texas
Mrs. W.H. Wheatley, Greenwood, Miss. (P.O. Box 307)

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building - Room 206
South Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dr. James Pierce
284 S. Jackson
Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Nat Griswold, Ex. Sec.
211 Izard
Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Christopher C. Mercer, Jr.
119 E. Barraque St.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Ex. Sec.
Georgia Committee on Interracial
Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Lucius Pitts
Holsey-Cobb Institute
Cordele, Georgia

Dr. C.H. Parrish
SRC Consultant
926 S. Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. Margaret Dagen, Ex. Dir.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
1319 Heyburn Building
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Ex. Sec.
La. Council on Human Relations
Rm. 303, Bd. of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Mrs. M.J. Lyells, Ex. Sec.
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
N.C. Council on Human Relations
Room 209, 121 E. Third Street
Charlotte, N.C.

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Ex. Sec.
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Mr. John H. Marion, Ex. Sec.
Virginia Council on Human Relations
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road,
Bon Air, Va.

Mr. William F. Cooper
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Va.

June 6, 1955

GSM: For Your Information.

GTH suggests the following:

Now is the Time

Changing Patterns (SRC)

School Integration (NCCW)

It Can Be Done (NAACP)

The Right of Every Child (AFSC)

The St. Louis Story

Bibliography (SRC)

Program Service (A DL)

A Memo on School Integration (NCLCH)

How to Influence Public Policy -- A Short Manual on Social Action -- by Elizabeth Wickendon

GTH suggests that "How to Influence Public Policy" would be particularly useful.

June 6, 1955

Mr. Dan Dodson, Editor
Journal of Educational Sociology
New York University
Washington Square
New York 31, New York

Dear Mr. Dodson:

You may be interested in seeing the enclosed copy of the New South.

I call your attention to the article, "Democracy on the Diamond," which includes material taken from a recent article by you.

Fred Routh of our staff asks me to send you his warmest regards. He is a great booster of you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 6, 1955

Miss Gertrude Samuels
The New York Times
Sunday Department
Times Square
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Samuels:

The Southern Regional Council is exploring the possibility of distributing copies of your article, "School Desegregation: A Case History," which appeared in The New York Times Magazine on May 8, 1955.

As I understand from Mr. Elliott M. Sanger Jr., it is necessary to secure permission from you before reprinting the article. In the event we do decide to distribute the article, we can assure you that it will receive good distribution throughout the South.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if it will be possible for us to reprint the article and the necessary arrangements to be made.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable

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MR. C. H. PARRISH
926 SOUTH SIXTH STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

I AM IN NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 12-17. MY ONE DAY TO CONFER WITH YOU WOULD BE SATURDAY, JUNE 11. HOPE YOU CAN COME ATLANTA THAT DAY. ALSO GIVE US ANY INFO YOU HAVE RE EDWIN RICHARDSON EDMONDS SOCIOLOGY AT LANGSTON WHO LOOKING FOR JOB.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

June 7, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

A well trained thirty-eight year old sociologist and sometime Dean of Students at Langston notifies us that he hopes for a job. Went to high school at San Antonio and worked in Sequin and in San Antonio in 1940-43. I have not interviewed him, but feel you should know of his availability. Name is Edwin Richardson Edmonds.

Letter follows.

George S. Mitchell

TELEGRAM TO MRS. CRATE

CC: THOMAS SUTHERLAND

June 7, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Here is a copy of Mr. Edmond's letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

June 7, 1955

Mr. Fred Cannon
Red Rock Bottling Company
115 Jackson Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cannon:

I believe that you will want to have the attached information about Dr. West for use in introducing him to the group at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

My suggestions about the meeting are as follows: You, of course, will be in charge and will serve as presiding officer. You would state the purpose of the meeting as being an opportunity for the various people interested in the development of improved health services in our city to talk together with Dr. West. Dr. West is the first Negro president of Meharry and is well equipped to help us in our efforts here. Meharry Medical College is increasingly useful to the entire Southern area because of the number of their graduates who look forward to work in communities of this region. You might open the discussion by asking Dr. West to tell us what the possibilities are in a cooperative relationship between the Spalding and Meharry Medical College.

If it is possible for you to get to the hospital by twenty minutes to four, we might arrange a little preliminary conversation about possible outcomes.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rmf

June 7, 1955

George M. Trautman, President
National Association
720 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Trautman:

You may be interested in the article concerning baseball which appears in the May, 1955, issue of the New South.

With that thought in mind, we are sending you a copy of the publication.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 7, 1955

Mr. Ford C. Frick, Commissioner
Major Leagues
RCA Building, West
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Frick:

You may be interested in the May, 1955, issue of the New South.

With that thought in mind, we are sending you a copy.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 7, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is my last day in the office. I have been at work on my suggested answers to the questions raised in my report for consideration by the Executive Committee. I feel that it will be best for me to complete its final form and send it to the committee members the end of June and no later than the first of July. I am taking off for a two-week rest and would like for it to simmer a bit.

It would seem to be useful for the long meeting of the Executive Committee proposed at the last meeting to come during July. If it could be scheduled sometime in the period between July 15th and 31st, there would be an opportunity for its decisions to be taken into account in the request for support for a second year's work. I will keep in mind the possibility that the meeting may be arranged during the last weeks in July in my efforts to complete the material which may be helpful for the Committee's work.

We were sorry that you were not able to get to the New Hope meeting. I feel that it was a very revealing and worthwhile occasion. There were clear indications of what must be the Council's responsibility to affiliated state organizations if we are going to be able to make a contribution toward increasing integration in this time.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

GTH:rmf

June 7, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Would you see whether the hotel you know of at Gatlinburg could provide accommodations for a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC July 27-28?

I think there would be between twelve and fifteen people. Presumably we would begin at luncheon on the 27th and end in the afternoon of the 28th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 7, 1955

GTH

I am trying to arrange a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, July 27-28.

Would you be good enough to try to hold those dates open so that we could get you up there if the time and place work out?

Sincerely,

GSM

eab/

June 7, 1955

JC

Will you prepare a list of Fellows by states and supply it to me.

eab/

TO KS

June 7, 1955

Mr. Lorne H. Nelles
Acting Director
United Steelworkers of America
District 35
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mr. Nelles:

You and the United Steelworkers of America do my heart and my treasury a great deal of good.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official Receipt $1,000

June 7, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Bob Carter writes that he greatly hopes that you can be at the NAACP Convention at Atlantic City June 21st to the 26th. Says he needs you especially June 23rd when they will be discussing the whole problem of the decision and its implementation.

Perfectly all right with me for you to go and at SRC expense. I am so notifying Bob Carter, and write you today to give you as much advance notice as possible.

Your time with us is limited and you are so much needed that I would be loathe to be without you for the whole week. But you decide what is wisest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 7, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
1319 Meyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Margaret:

The Kentucky Labor School puts me in Lexington this year from the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th through Friday July 1st.

I expect that they will as usual keep me busy each morning, but I ought to be able to get over to Louisville some one afternoon. If it should be any particular one, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Brinn
Mr. Parrish
Mr. Tydings

June 7, 1955

Mr. Robert L. Carter
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Bob:

I have written Mr. Parrish and said he could of course go up to the Convention. I have got him only for the two months and I need him so much that I hate to turn him loose for the whole period of the Convention. But I have authorized him to go ahead and be there as long as needful and have told him of your request for his presence particularly June 23rd.

I am very sorry that I was laid up with a bad back last Saturday when you had the meeting here. Nice of Mr. Calhoun to get me word that I could come. And had it not been for the back, I would have been there.

My respect for the job the NAACP does grows a good jump every couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 7, 1955

PERSONAL

Mr. Harry Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

At a meeting we had at Chapel Hill the other day, Griswold and Mercer came over. We were all pleased with them. A businesslike pair who will do a good job.

I put in my cordial thanks to you for steering our little rowboat.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: HCF

June 7, 1955

Mr. W. W. Law
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Law:

Changing Patterns is 50¢ flat. In quantities of 50 or more, 42¢ each plus carriage.

It has been a popular and useful publication.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Publications List
Promotion Leaflet, CPNS

June 7, 1955

Mr. Jimmy Jones
Chairman, Week-End A.F. L. Labor School
1291 N. E. 145th Street
North Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Jones:

Very nice to get your letter. If you picked September, I am practically free in that month except that sometime between September 10th and 16th I seem to have promised to be at a labor school at Junaluska, North Carolina. October is entirely free, except for October 12-15, as far as I know.

I would be delighted to come to Dade County for your meeting, and all I would need would be the travel expense involved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc: (and incoming ltr to) FBR

June 7, 1955

Mr. Robert N. Cunningham
The Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Bob:

The truth is I never have any real news for you. Gray hair. A crick in my back. A wheeze or two. One gal in college and another in high school. Same house. Same job. The excitement is that the Southern Regional Council is setting up twelve state outfits kin to it. They are trying to get the South to respect what the Supreme Court says.

Would that a man could sit again at Balliol quad and drink beer.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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cc: HCF

June 7, 1955

HCF

Griswold said that he was making it his business to call on the editors of all the church papers in Arkansas.

You might consider pushing that in some organized way in some other states.

eab/

June 7, 1955

HCF

Do we send our publications list to libraries in the South?

eab/

June 7, 1955

HCF

Shortly after we got out Answers for Action, I wrote each state outfit in the South and urged them to get some. Maybe now they will. Would you consider the wisdom of writing them again? If you like the idea, do whatever you want about it or do nothing about it.

eab/

June 7, 1955

Mr. Guy Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Guy:

The condensed version you gave at Chapel Hill of the story of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation is still pretty far from what the actual Committee was. You still have got it tied up in your mind with the Atlanta race riot in 1907, or whenever it was. I don't think you can find any root of the Georgia Committee earlier than 1919.

Small point, but I should think it would be well to get it right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 7, 1955

HCF

Guy Wells said at Chapel Hill that he was considering getting out for next year a pamphlet on what the Georgia Committee does. I suggest you offer him some editorial aid.

eab/

June 7, 1955

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

I have not yet heard what happened about your tax-exemption. Did they grant it locally, or did they shoot it on to Washington?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 7, 1955

CHP

Alice Spearman at Chapel Hill said that she was finding it helpful to invigorate local and especially colored PTAs.

In my experience, colored PTAs are flops. And the white ones are traditionally timid.

Let's talk about what could be done.

GSM

eab/

June 7, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Having in mind our conversations about housing accommodations for the Board members who would come to a New Orleans meeting, can you write me a letter on what by your present knowledge would be the facilities if we meet (a) at Tulane or (b) at Dillard or Xavier?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ea b
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 7, 1955

KS

This confirms our arrangement that you are to prepare a circular on operating money for the states for next year.

eab/

June 7, 1955

KS

Helpful if you could prepare a circular to state organizations on what should be given us in the way of audit of the finances of the state groups.

eab/

June 7, 1955

JC

You remember that we discussed at Chapel Hill the possibility of getting each state group to send us ten copies of everything they put out in print or in memo. And of getting each state outfit to interchange its publications, permanent and fugitive, with all other states.

Will you attend to getting out something to the states that will lock a workable arrangement?

eab/

June 7, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

I think you and I talked a little about a notion I had of digging out the dope you and others got together on the six sample counties -- 1934 -- and doing them all again.

I see little likelihood that money would be found to do the whole thing. But I think it quite likely that money could be found for two or even three fellowships which would enable appropriate students, assisted by some moderate clerical personnel, to review the situation in two or three of the counties.

Does this strike any sparks?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
723½ East Thirteenth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Mrs. W. F. Bates*
125 Atkins St
N. Little Rock

Ulysses S. Bond
Madison

Fred Darragh*
1401 East Sixth St.
Little Rock

We are dependent upon you and all connected with your state movement to bring these people into full knowledge and participation in the general program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Ex-officio

June 8, 1955

Mr. Robert Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Rev. Duncan Hunter*
Alexander City

Dr. H. C. Trenholm*
Alabama State College
Montgomery

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
251 Island Court
Mobile

Rev. Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga

We are dependent upon you and all connected with your state movement to bring these people into full knowledge and participation in the general program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Ex-officio

June 8, 1955

Dr. Guy H. Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Morris B. Abram Healey Building Atlanta	Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie 864 Hunter Street Atlanta
B. R. Brazeal* Morehouse College Atlanta	G. E. Clary* 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta
R. E. Clement Atlanta Univ. Atlanta	John A. Griffin Emory Univ. Emory Univ. Ga.
Leonard Haas Haas-Howell Bldg Atlanta	Philip Hammer 70 Fairlie St. Atlanta
Benjamin Mays Morehouse College Atlanta	L. D. Milton Citizens Trust Co. Atlanta
J. M. Richards Columbia Theological Seminary Decatur	H. V. Richardson Gammon Theological Seminary Atlanta
Morton Weiss 182 Marietta St. Atlanta	Josephine Wilkins 387 Milledge Ave. Athens

*ex-officio

We are dependent upon you and all connected with your state movement to bring these people into full knowledge and participation in the general program.

Sincerely,

GSM/eab

George S. Mitchell

June 8, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mr. Emory F. Via
1221 East Fifty-Eighth Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Emory:

Amendment to my letter of June 1st. The next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Starnes, have gone to Sea Islands for June. So the key will be with the neighbors on the other side -- a Mrs. West. The house is up on top of a hill, but you can scramble up or drive up.

Do stay at our house.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 8, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence I. Hewes
701 Williams Street
Apartment 2
Denver 18, Colorado

Dear Patsy and Larry:

No sooner back here than I had to pop off to North Carolina. The meeting there went well and Dr. Alexander did what I had hoped he would in stiffening this new bunch with courage and experience out of his lifetime at the job.

Alice was delighted with her basket and the crisp item within it. She has gone off with the car and with Charlotte to haul Ellen and Charlotte up to Pennsylvania. But she left me the basket heaped with cornbread, and I thrive in body though I languish in spirit.

Alice received Patsy's letter, and Patsy and I have duly impressed on Alice how much we both hope she will get to Arizona for the last part of August. I think it may well work out but I just can't tell until later on in the Summer.

That was a grand two-days, and I will be grateful for it for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I was out in San Francisco for a speech Monday, May 30th. No sooner through with the speech than your brother Preston came up to the platform. Along with a coffee cup and the morning paper he had read that Mitchell was to do a speech and he hurried down for it. That was most faithful of him. They asked me home to supper that night but I had been tied up with some conference engagement and couldn't go. I did have a visit with Preston and Mrs. Wright at their apartment that afternoon, and we reminisced rattlingly about the University of South Carolina and Colcock and Broadus, etc.

They were both spry and well and infinitely hospitable.

The New Hope occasion went well. People there from all the states except Tennessee and Florida. Each state reviewed what it was doing and the Atlanta staff gave in the remaining time a lot of advice on next steps. The gathering on Dr. Alexander's front porch achieved all I expected from it. Many of the new staff people said that it strengthened them to go through with Dr. Will the process by which thirty-five years ago and more he had reached for opportunity and purpose.

We are exploring a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee at Gatlinburg for July 27 and 28. Can't lock it until we hear about the hotel. But I hope you won't give away those dates. How nice that for once you can drive across six mountains and be there! Bring Mrs. Wright if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We are all deeply grateful to you for the time and travel and friendship and care which went into arrangements for the New Hope Camp gathering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

June 8, 1955

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

New Hope Farm and its master and mistress were kindness itself to us all the other day. That hour and a half on your porch will live in the memory of people carrying forward this movement for a long time to come. Most of them are young and haven't had much experience, and they were strengthened by going back with you to the things that brought your resolves.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Newton Aiken
The Evening Sun
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Many thanks for your letter of June 3rd, and the wise editorials.

Baltimore has done a very great thing, and we all look confidently for Maryland to move along into line, mostly this Summer. I had been working with some of the people in Montgomery County and was delighted to hear of that county's plans to move ahead.

We continue confident that in all except a few most difficult areas the South will move speedily toward compliance. The Court's decision was wise and has reduced the tenseness a lot.

Instead of cracking down the Court challenged the Couth to come around voluntarily. I think that in as short a period as three years we will all be surprised to see how many counties and cities will be behaving.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc & clippings to HCF

June 8, 1955

FBR

My tickler tells me that on March 28th I asked you and GTH and "all hands" to begin getting together lists of Board and Executive Committee members for all state outfits, "reasonably and without undue clerical strain." I wanted to have them available for a quarterly report due June 30.

Where do we stand on that?

eab/

June 8, 1955

FBR

Is this table now susceptible to amendment?

If it deserves some tick marks make them in green so I can see where they are.

eab/

Encl.

T & K5

June 8, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Congress of Industrial Organizations
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I have written Jim Carey as enclosed.

Mighty good of you to fish it out.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl.
GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

June 8, 1955

FBR

I leave in your responsibility the matter of reaching a clear arrangement with Tennessee as to what they must raise in the current fiscal year. Please let me know what amount is desired and the approximate date of decision.

eab/

To KS

June 8, 1955

Mr. James B. Carey
Secretary-Treasurer
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carey:

We are deeply grateful for the CIO's check for $375 which came in June 6th. The CIO's new fronted activities and the Council's program run parallel at a great many points, and it is extremely good of the CIO to help us in this way.

I hope that later on in this year the CIO will find it possible to send us another $375. These are the lean months and we will be particularly in need at this time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Official receipt

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc: Mr. Paul Christopher

June 8, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: KS

FROM: GSM

Pursuant to the attached, what has resulted is a trip by Mr. Parrish to Tennessee Thursday, June 9th. He will come on to Atlanta to be here for conference with us Friday June 10th in the day, and will return to Nashville for what I believe is a meeting of the Nashville area persons interested in SRC.

As at any rate the travel to Memphis is mainly concerned with Tennessee's own program, I would be disposed to charge a portion of the expense of Parrish's forthcoming trip to Tennessee. My reasoning is that as the state is for the time being without employed staff, it is using Parrish as a consultant on program rather than simply asking an administrative officer of SRC.

Whatever seems wise and fair in your judgment, I will accept.

eab/
Encl.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Edwin R. Edmonds
Langston University
Department of Sociology
Langston, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Edmonds:

We have only one position open in the Atlanta office which might be of interest -- that of Research Assistant at $4,000 a year.

I hear Texas considers taking on somebody for the job of Associate Executive Director for the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Pays $5,000.

I wired Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas, who is the Chairman, and told her of your availability. The present Executive Director is Thomas S. Sutherland at 309 West 21st Street, Austin.

The Texas people have independent power to fill the place, though this office would have to approve their selection.

I don't know at all what is likely, and without interviews and further inquiry I make no commitments. But I should think it would be worth your while to get in touch with Mrs. Crate and/or Thomas Sutherland.

We have one Board member in Oklahoma. He is O. D. Duncan at Stillwater. He would know generally about SRC's program in Texas, and, should you be interested in the Research Assistant job here, we would deputise him to discuss it further with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 8, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I can and will come up with pleasure for July 4th, and will do the talk that evening.

Unfortunately, I am committed to be back at Clark College at 9:30 on the morning of July 5th. But I will get to town as early as I can on the 4th and spend a good deal of that day at the Institute.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. My only way to get back to Atlanta overnight is to catch the Georgian at 1:20 a.m. July 5th. I am a sleepy-head and not a night owl. Could the housekeeping people be kind enough to save me a bed for a couple of hours between speechmaking and train-catching the night of July 4th?

June 8, 1955

Mrs. O. K. Armstrong
5104 Brookview Drive
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Armstrong:

I send you separately a packet of materials that we think would be useful for the Summer Assembly at Ridgecrest on the subject of human rights.

They comprise: Changing Patterns in the New South; "Desegregation in Education: Toward Democracy in the Classroom," (a bibliography) - SRC; Publications list - SRC; How to Influence Public Policy by Elizabeth Wickenden, published by the American Association of Social Workers, One Park Avenue, New York 16, New York, 25¢. Excellent publication with brief chapters on the how and why of social action and on interaction between lawmaking and public opinion, and between public opinion and the administrative processes; Answers for Action:Schools in the South - SRC.

The items published by SRC can be supplied at the price listed in the SRC publications list. The bibliography can be supplied free.

I know of the wide outreach of the Ridgecrest gatherings, and we are hopeful that various of these items can be supplied for this Summer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Note: How to Influence Public Policy is not included in the packet of materials sent you because we only have one copy on hand.

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 8, 1955

Mr. Preston L. Wright
2200 Leavenworth Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wright:

Never did a pop-in visitor have a kinder audience than you and Mrs. Wright gave me the other afternoon. Sorry I talked so much; I wish I had used more of the time to find out more about the two of you.

No sooner back in Atlanta than I had to go off again to North Carolina for a two-day encampment of all of our new state employed staff. We gathered for an afternoon at the home of W. W. Alexander and got him to pass on to those who will be doing the job in this new generation a remarkable lot of what he knows.

I had some hope that Marion would be there. But he didn't appear, and I have written him that you are prospering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 9, 1955

Mrs. M. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Miss

Rabbi Charles Mantinband*
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg

Dr. J. L. Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

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303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Mrs. Margaret Dagen
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

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Mr. Nat Griswold
723½ East Thirteenth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Executive Director

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Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 9, 1955

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East Sixty-Ninth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

New York University, in its Human Relations Center, has me coming to town for a Workshop July 12th, 13th, and 14th. I would like to pay you a visit at some time during those three days. A report on progress, a request for advice in general, some future methods of coordination with your projects, and my enjoyment of such a conversation.

I know it is extremely unlikely that you would be staying in the city on those particular days, but on the off chance that you will be I write this inquiry.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 9, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill

Richard Fosters
Box 1325
Greenville

Claude Evans*
P.O. Box 967
Columbia, S.C

Mrs. Marion Paul*
2324 Washington St.
Columbia, S. C.

Rev. M. V. Shean, C.O.
Box 895
Rock Hill

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June 9, 1955

Mr. Haskell Miller
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

F. Woods Beckman*	Paul R. Christopher
5908 Magazine Road	216 Flatiron Bldg.
Knoxville	Knoxville
Z. A. Looby	Mrs. E. U. Robinson
419 4th Ave., N.	675 N. Waters St
Nashville	Gallatin
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman	Mrs. Elsie Lewis* (?)
Lewisburg	1724 14th Ave., N.
	Nashville,

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309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

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Mrs. Nannie B. Aycox* Texas Southern Univ Houston	Mrs. James S. Crate* 2410 Inwood Drive Houston
Jerome Crossman 3400 Republic Nat'l Bank Bldg. Dallas	S. Thomas Friedman 1110 Bissonet Houston
R. O'Hara Lanier Texas Southern Univ. Houston	Mrs. J. N. Rayzor 3207 Groveland Lane Houston
Charles A. Shaw 2206 Dowling St. Houston	J. Edwin Smith 505 Scanlan Bldg. Houston
Mrs. Tommie Stroud 3225 Maple Ave. Waco	Carter Wesley Box 3086 Houston

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Mr. John H. Marion
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road
Bon Air, Virginia

Dear Jack:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

W. C. Brooke*	J. M. Ellison*
Box 208	Virginia Union Univ.
Staunton	Richmond
Gordon B. Hancock	A. G. Moron
P. O. Box 6056	Hampton Institute
Richmond	Hampton Institute, Va.
C. Emerson Smith	Paul D. Williams
109 West Grace St.	3320 Gloucester Rd
Richmond	Richmond

Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk

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June 9, 1955

The Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would be grateful for an inexpensive room for the night of Thursday, June 23rd. I shall be coming in about 10:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 9, 1955

Mr. Stanton L. Wormley
Acting Director
The Summer School
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wormley:

You may count on my being at the Workshop by 9:00 a.m. daylight time Friday, June 24th, and staying through 3:00 p.m.

I expect to spend Thursday night, the 23rd, at the Cosmos Club in Washington and will be available to you there for any last minute changes.

I will be coming back to Atlanta by plane the afternoon of June 24th. I am grateful for the opportunity of lodging out at Howard and ordinarily I would accept, but coming in late I don't want to wake up Howard University.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 9, 1955

Mr. C. A. Bacote
The Graduate School
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bacote:

Many thanks for the letter about the forum series and my participation at 9:30 a.m. at the Davage Auditorium July 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. W. J. Lyda

June 9, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Your letter is simply perfect.

We will type them up and get them out to you for signature.

Warm appreciation for a job beautifully begun. It will take follow-up from both of us, but I am satisfied that it will prove to be a substantial resource to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 9, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council residing in your state.

Guy B. Johnson
Univ. of N. C.
Chapel Hill

Clyde Milner
Guilford College
Guilford College, N.C.

~~Rev. Leon Russell*~~
~~First Methodist Church~~
~~Rocky Mount~~

M. A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls

E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forrest

Bishop E. A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh

John H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham

R. D. Wellons*
Pembroke College
Pembroke

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1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Margaret:

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R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort

Bishop Charles Clingman
421 South Second St
Louisville

J. M. Tydings
1319 Heyburn Bldg
Louisville

Hugh Brimm*
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
Louisville

Irwin T. Sanders*
1350 Fontaine Rd
Lexington

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303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

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Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans

Mr. John McCann
231 Baronne St
New Orleans

Rev. L. J. Twomey
Loyola University
New Orleans

Rev. Albert D'Orlando*
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Ave.
New Orleans

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans

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1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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Mr. Guy Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Robert Hughes
3936 Redding Road, N. E.
Chamblee

John W. Morgan
Georgia State College for Woman
Milledgeville

R. A. Thompson
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta

Leo J. Zuber
2794 North Decatur Road
Decatur

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Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Specialist in Negro Education and Relations
Tennessee Valley Authority
215 Old Post Office
Knoxville, Tennessee

Merl Eppse
Tennessee A & I College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Miss Josephine Hamilton
Churchill, Tennessee

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W. Barton Beatty, Jr.
Director of Public Relations
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Roscoe E. Lewis
Box 101
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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Executive Director

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S. E. Duncan
1010 Piedmont Street
Reidsville, N.C.

Howard J. Kester
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Route One
Black Mountain

John R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare
Raleigh

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

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442 Union Street
Spartanburg

Miss Wil Lou Gray
185 Divine Street
Columbia

Howard G. McClain
1420 Lady Street
Columbia

John F. Potts
Vorhees Junior College
Denmark

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

DRAFT cc: KS
Frank Loescher (Dictated June 9, 1955)

Review by HCF

Recopied and mailed June 10, 1955

Mr. Melvin J. Fox
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Fox:

I have talked some with Frank Loescher, who was here recently and will be back in Atlanta in a few days time. Also Mr. Harold Fleming of our office has talked at length with Mr. Carson Pritchard as was suggested by you the last time I was in New York. We are arranging a preliminary gathering of Atlanta persons interested in foreign visitors and students, to occur tentatively June 22nd. In that meeting we will canvass the group for views as to further steps which should be taken, and I will write you again thereafter.

Meanwhile, I am applying to the Woodruff Foundation in Atlanta for $5,000 to relieve the pressure on the Southern Regional Council, arising from the commitment of staff time inevitably involved in our briefing of the flow of foreign visitors which continues unabated -- and always with welcome. It would be some departure for the Woodruff Foundation to make this grant, and I wish to keep alive in your files the possibility of help of that nature to the Southern Regional Council directly from the Ford Foundation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 10, 1955

Mr. Otis N. Thompson, Jr., President
Mound City Press Club
2312 Market Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your letter of June 7, 1955, regarding "race labeling in daily newspapers" has been turned over to me.

As far as we can determine, no Southern daily newspaper has completely abandoned the use of race labeling in the body of news stories. Some newspapers, such as the Atlanta Constitution and the Chattanooga Times, have discontinued using labels in headlines except in cases where it is deemed necessary. Examples would be stories on Negro housing units, the segregation cases and similar news items. We do not have a list of papers who have adopted this program.

In the general field of handling stories of this nature, I am sending you two copies of articles published by the Southern Regional Council. These publications are being mailed under separate cover.

If I can be of additional help, please feel free to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 10, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

I cannot budget a sum in excess of $2,000 for the meetings at Fisk. I would like that sum of $2,000 to cover the registration fees and travel and per diem for yourself and Mr. Parrish for such days as either or both of you are to be there.

If, as the conference approaches, you find need for committing a sum in excess of the $2,000 please confer with me before you do so.

eab/

cc: KS

June 10, 1955

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Reed:

Many thanks for your letter advising us that we will receive 50 copies of "The Strange Career of Jim Crow." The book is excellent in every way, written simply and well by a highly respected Southern historian.

When Frank Loescher was here the other day, we discussed ways in which the Council might fit in with the Fund's materials distribution program. One way, of course, is through distribution to top people in the Southern Regional Council and its affiliated state groups. Many of these people play key roles in their communities and in state, regional, and national organizations. They are, to be sure, among the persuaded; but they reach a great many of the unpersuaded, and they need professional help in doing so effectively. We consider it an important part of our job to supply them with "ammunition."

We also maintain up-to-date lists and directories of other individuals and organizations in the region: editors, state officials, legislators, state and local school officers, college presidents, church leaders, and the like. We frequently send out appropriate materials to people in these categories.

The next time I get to New York, I will hope for a chance to meet and talk with you. Meanwhile, we will appreciate your keeping us in mind whenever the Fund has materials that might be used to good effect in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

June 10, 1955

Mr. Philip Weltner
Oglethorpe University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weltner:

This is a request to the Woodruff Foundation for a grant of $5,000 to the Southern Regional Council for a particular project.

The last few years have seen the formalization of and a steady increase in the flow of officially sponsored foreign visitors to this country and to Atlanta. The greater part of those who come to Atlanta choose this city because they think of it as a center from which they can get some understanding of "the South," and one of their major interests in the South is to catch into the change of race relations in the region. At a rate which varies but which frequently runs to four, five, or six in a week, these foreign visitors come to the office of the Southern Regional Council and ask to be briefed on socio-economic matters in the South.

The list attached gives those who have come to us for aid of this kind since we began to keep a record of these visitors about a year ago. For a couple of years before we began to keep a list we had about an equivalent flow of such visitors.

They come to us directly sponsored by the State Department or by the U. S. Labor Department. Some are guided about by the Institute of International Education. Others are brought in with special assistance from the Carnegie Corporation or other foundations. Some few are here on their own. The various agencies which sponsor and make arrangements for these visitors are in constant communication with the Southern Regional Council lining up time with us in advance. As to quite a number of visitors — I would say a dozen a year at least — we are asked to provide the full service of arranging the schedule of the visitor while in this city, making appointments for him here and there with various persons to be interviewed, and arranging transportation to points of interest. This is time consuming with a vengeance. Even the visitor whose program is tolerably mapped ahead of time takes many hours of the time of staff people in this office.

They come hungry for an impartial and well-informed discussion of the present stage in the South. I drop what I am doing, for the greater part of the visitors and spend several hours with them. Frequently it is the case that I am not available and one of the assistant directors of the Southern Regional Council takes over and holds a similar discussion. Word has got about on whatever is the grapevine managed for and by visitors that this Southern Regional Council is obliging and informed and judicious, and most of the foreign visitors who reach Atlanta come at one time or another to our office for aid.

We are glad to provide this service. In common courtesy we could not do otherwise. And as the visitor has only limited time in the city his needs must take precedence over the work on hand in this office.

We are extremely busy with organizing and leading twelve newly established state-wide agencies in race relations throughout the South, with the proceeds of a substantial grant from the Fund for the Republic and with other resources. That is our first and most important job. And yet we must constantly interrupt it in order to do this work with the visitors.

What we would like would be a grant from the Woodruff Foundation which would cover a goodish part of the professional staff time involved. It is not a matter of adding personnel to our office to handle foreign visitors; they must be served by the active staff members whose fingers are into our general program all the time.

I grant the difficulty of calculating exactly the staff time involved. All I can say is that this matter probably takes a fifth of my time and a fifth of the time of some three other leading members of our staff. Thus calculated it amounts to four-fifths of a single salary of say $8,500. We would be pleased if $5,000 of that amount could be covered. Included within a grant of $5,000 we would like to have as much as $400 earmarked as available for incidental out-of-pocket expenses in connection solely with foreign visitors. There is a good deal of taking people out to lunch and having a cab come for a man to be taken here or yonder.

The service the Southern Regional Council provides in this connection is important to the South, to the United States, and to comity within the free world. Ours is an honest but a constructive point of view on the particular problems of the South. The foreign visitor arriving is nine times out of ten disposed to be quite critical of the institutional arrangements prevalent in the South. We can and do get them to understand the matter and to be aware of the very great improvements actively underway. We have no means of making a post-audit of the minds of our instructed visitors, but as the various governmental agencies concerned continue to send the visitors to us, we suppose that the information we have supplied has been thought helpful in government circles.

The Southern Regional Council is tax-exempt under the terms of the enclosed Treasury letter.

We would be happy to supply further information if it would be helpful to the Woodruff trustees.

We ask for the grant for a single year and would only propose renewing our request in another year if the volume of visitors held as heretofore and if reports to the Woodruff trustees lead them to have a continuing approval of the aid that would be given.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: List of Foreign Visitors
Treasury Letter of Tax-Exemption

cc: KS

June 10, 1955

NOTE:

While the letter which this list accompanies says that the list reaches back approximately a year, as a matter of fact this covers only the period January 1, 1955 to date.

FOREIGN VISITORS

	NAME	OCCUPATION	COUNTRY
1.	Daniel Roth	Journalist	Switzerland
2.	Michael Stewart	Labor M.P.	England
3.	John Hall	Conservation M.P.	England
4.	Ernst S. Schlange-Schoeningen	Agricultural Secretary	Germany
5.	Theodore Lefevre	Chamber of Deputies	Belgium
6.	Djuka Julius	Journalist	Jugoslavia
7.	Madhav Kamath	Journalist	India
8.	Hendrik Vos	Dutch Labor Party	Netherlands
9.	Sastrowardojo Surjono	Delegate to United Nations	Indonesia
10.	Frits Kaestner	Ministerial Director	Germany
11.	Mr. and Mrs. David Ginsburg	Labor Party, Research Division	England
12.	B. Rajaram	Manager, Textile Mills	India
13.	N. Bose	Engl. Supervisor, Labor Union	India
14.	H. R. Kolte	Gen. Sec. Tex. Labor Union	India
15.	R. H. Patel	Sec. Textile Labor Union	India
16.	S. K. Chatterjee	Ass't Gen. Man. Labor Union	India
17.	Akira Iwai	Dir. Planning Dept. Labor Union	Japan
18.	Yojiro Kurokawa	Labor Union Executive	Japan
19.	Jinsuke Mitsumura	" " "	Japan
20.	Manjiro Mokumoto	" " "	Japan
21.	Gensaku Sugiyama	" " "	Japan
22.	Michael Adams	Journalist (BBC)	England
23.	Clyde Sanger	British Army	England
24.	Andrew Bonar-Law	British Army	England
25.	S. Tas	Journalist	France
26.	Nicholas Chatelain	Journalist	France
27.	Olaf Radkie	Attorney, Labor Union	Germany
28.	Werner Meyer	Editor, Fraenkische Presse	Germany
29.	Wilhelm Riepekohl	Editor, Fraenkische Tagespost	Germany
30.	R. H. Hafferkorn	Foreign Service Officer	Germany
31.	Mrs. Hedwig Meerman	Com. Social Democratic Women	Germany
32.	Miss Bernadette Faure	Association of Manufacturers	France
33.	Jean Bertrand	Department of Labor	France
34.	Michel Cordeviola	Reg. Insp. Enf. of Soc. Laws in Agriculture	France
35.	Remy Moreau	Labor Union member	France
36.	Andre Lienard	Labor Union member	France
37.	Herbert Kreter	Prof. of English Studies	Germany

38. A party of eight foreign students. Sponsored by the Association for World Travel Exchange.

39.	Felix V. Makasiar	Dist. Judge, Prof. of Law and Dir. Foreign Affairs Association of Philippines	Philippine Islands
40.	Stig Lundgren	Soc. Dem. Labor Party	Sweden
41.	Jaipaul	Pub. Rel. Off. Congress Party	India
42.	Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Kaeber	Schleswig-Holstein Social Democratic Party	Germany
43.	John Kernan	Missionary	South Africa
44.	Kenneth Lamb	Lecturer	England
45.	O. F. Raum	Professor	South Africa
46.	K. B. Anderson	Folk School Principal	Denmark
47.	John S. Grant	Forest Ranger	Scotland
48.	Rolf Gutbrod	Professor of Architecture	Germany
49.	D'Arco Silvio Avalle	Professor	Italy

June 10, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

I have written Dick Bennett with proposals about getting Irene Osborne available to us for the coming fiscal year. Hope it will prove acceptable.

We continue grateful for your agreement to the things we wanted to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 10, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I am to be at Lee Hall at Blue Ridge from Sunday evening June 12th through Friday the 17th. CIO labor school. Alice has the car up East somewhere, but intends to come to Black Mountain on Friday the 17th and pick me up. If she should get there on the 16th, she and I will drive over to see you. But that is unlikely.

You may count on my being on the grounds (as distinct from being on top of a mountain) at Blue Ridge, if circumstances should lead you over there during the coming week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 10, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

We had word by telephone today from Mr. Tydings in Kentucky that the U. S. Treasury office in Louisville has granted tax-exemption to the Kentucky Council on Human Relations without sending it to Washington.

A copy of the letter of grant is on its way to me and I expect to have it on your desk on Monday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 10, 1955

Mr. Hiden Ramsey
Asheville Citizen
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

We have all been impressed by the recent statement of the Ashville school board. That is courage and wisdom. I know enough about Asheville to be satisfied that these events are traceable in good part to the temperateness and evenhandedness of the Citizen-Times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 13, 1955

Dictated June 10

Mr. Eli Ginsberg
National Manpower Council
Graduate School of Business
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Eli:

Fancy place that Grove Park Inn and I very much wish I could go there. Unfortunately I am at Fayetteville, Arkansas from the 17th to the 23rd for a Southwestern A. F. of L. Labor School, so I am sunk.

I make you a nomination, but I don't push it because it is your business. The Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League for the last eight or ten years has been Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton. She has been an Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council for the last year, and about July 1st returns to her old post with the Atlanta Urban League. Negro woman, fifty or so I suppose, though she appears much younger, long associated through her father with Atlanta University. Has worked for the YWCA at one stage, and was a number of years in Memphis as well as this spell in Atlanta. Trained at Atlanta University. Wide experience in social work. Reasons well, expresses herself well, a lady in all matters. Constructive in her planning. I doubt if you would find a better informed or more thoughtful representative of her particular field in the South. She is for the moment in New York where she could be reached at LOrraine 8-2220. In a couple of weeks time address her c/o the Atlanta Urban League, 239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

I greatly wish I could go, but I can't. Try me for the next one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 13, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

A letter came in this morning's mail from Robert Menefee concerning his report on Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery counties in North Carolina. I am sending a copy of the letter to you, but I am afraid that Mr. Menefee does not add much to the information we have on the counties. He does, however, sound an optimistic note on the situation.

I am sorry you were not able to make it to Camp New Hope for the staff meeting. It was most interesting and informative.

If there is any additional information I can get for you concerning the three North Carolina counties, please let me know. I am interested in following future developments there.

Also, I read with pleasure the action in Asheville. It is a very hopeful note. With a little pushing, perhaps North Carolina can lead the way.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

encl.

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

P.O. Box 2044
Madison, Wisconsin
June 9, 1955

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Your letter of May 20 brought interesting and very satisfying news. I am real pleased that the reports from my last summer are being put to use. I hope I hit some of the salient points with accuracy. As they were being written I was sorely conscious of the limits on what can be learned in a two or three day visit.

As I review the summer from this distance (time- and geograhpy-wise) I fear that I can add nothing which would be helpful in stimulating action in Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties. I presume that a list of names in the area, from my card file, is already available to Mr. Wright and/or the North Carolina organization. My only suggestion would be the principle which SRC has used so effectively in the past --- local action planned insofar as possible by local people.

It was good to hear that Dr. McRae is on the board in North Carolina. He seemed to have great concern and to be eager for opportunities to implement it.

Thank you for your request. Nothing is more pleasant than being asked for advice.

Please give my regards to Mr. Wright and especially to the people in the office with you. I envy you your association with them.

Sincerely,

Bob Menefee

June 13, 1955

Mr. Robert Menefee
P.O. Box 2044
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Menefee:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties in North Carolina. I have forwarded a copy of it to Mr. Wright.

Some pleasant things are happening in North Carolina. Both Asheville and Charlotte seem to be making definite steps toward implementing the Supreme Court decision. We hope the above mentioned counties will begin a constructive program.

Again thank you for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 13, 1955

Dictated June 10

Mr. William H. Vastine
National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.
79 East Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bill:

I don't know where you lit, but I hope this will draw a note from you that will tell me.

I just want to say that when I saw the news in the paper yesterday that the school people in Lexington, Kentucky agreed that a Negro girl applying to go to the Summer session would be admitted without question to the otherwise white Summer high school, I thought about your visits around the town. It may not have seemed much to you but I am sure that your front-door knockings were some part of this result.

By and large we feel hopeful. The Court's decrees were good and obviously a lot of places in the South are going to rise to the challenge and behave.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 13, 1955

Dictated June 10

Mr. Joseph Mire
Executive Secretary
Inter-University Labor Education Committee
1303 University Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Mire:

July 7th is a day when I am in town, and I will be available for your meeting at Atlanta University. I do not know Grumman or Kenneth Thompson but take for granted that they are good people.

Your Tennessee selction is Myles Horton, Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee.

I am told that the four best people in Florida are the following. Take your pick. Our choice would preferably be the first one named.

Dr. Ross Beiler
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables

Dr. Thomas Wood
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables

Dick Ehrmann
Department of Sociology
University of Florida
Gainesville

Dr. James Vatican
Department of Economics
University of Miami
Coral Gables,

Young Emory Via at Roosevelt College has wide experience in Southern labor education. Undoubtedly you have lines to him and can decide whether he interests you or not.

The University of Alabama has a department in labor education some way or other, or maybe they handle it as a branch of the University Extension Service. They have a man who works at it. I do not patronize the courses as they have thus far been required by law to be segregated. But I think it is a matter of law and not a matter of prejudice.

Arkansas is too far for me to know about, but if you wanted a good nominee you could call our new man in the state who is Executive Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Nat Griswold, at 723½ East 13th Street, Little Rock.

I talked by phone to William Mitch, the District Director of the United Mine Workers of America, office in the Comer Building, Telephone 4-0306. He was interested, but suggested that you write him direct and he will try to be represented. I have great respect for Bill Mitch and consider him a stable and effective trade unionist.

One of the ablest men in Tennessee is Stanton Smith, 540 Vine Street, Chattanooga. Stanton is currently President of the State Federation of Labor in Tennessee, but he is also the man who organizes the Southwestern and the Southeastern Labor Schools each Summer under John Conners. Young fellow, full of zip, nothing stodgy about him. Stanton Smith swings weight with labor prople in the state. Myles Horton is an old-timer in this field and has a pre-emptive right to come. But Stanton Smith can get more done by a lot with Tennessee trade union people.

For your further information, in my judgment the wisest trade union man in the South is Paul Christopher, labor director for the upper South for the CIO, with offices at the Flatiron Building, Knoxville, Tennessee. Paul has many unique qualities. Among others, he knows the Southern textile industry thoroughly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 13, 1955

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Tilly:

The Southern Regional Council would be prepared to make available to the Fellowship of the Concerned for the expenses of the state meetings of church women between now and approximately April 1, 1946, $1,200.

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At an average figure of $200 per state meeting that should provide for six meetings. We would be willing for you to use this money for a lesser or a greater number of meetings as may seem wise to you and as may have our agreement.

We calculate the cost of the meetings on the basis of the cost of travel of the persons requested by you to travel at the expense of the Fellowship of the Concerned within each state. Your own travel to and from such meetings will be (as heretofore) as you may wish throughout the region, and we regard it as chargeable to the general travel budget of the Southern Regional Council. We will try to get for use by the Fellowship of the Concerned in the year 1956 as much as we can from the John Hay Whitney Foundation and/or from other sources. I regard this allocation of $1,200 as one to tide the Fellowship of the Concerned over until additional sums can be made available to it, presumably by foundation or other sources. If the Fellowship of the Concerned can recruit contributions to it from church or other sources other than those contributions customarily made in the past to the Southern Regional Council directly, we would be delighted to see the Fellowship of the Concerned thus advantaged.

Necessary clerical and office supplies expenses for the Fellowship of the Concerned we would continue to meet as heretofore out of the general budget of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: KS

Dictated by Dr.Mitchell/signed in his absence

June 13, 1955

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

At Chapel Hill I finally broke loose what is said to be the whole bundle of material on the Commission on Equal Penalties. I have shipped it on to you.

We are very grateful for the patiently done extra copies of the report.

When you have had time to work through all of this let's be in touch again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 13, 1955

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

I thought you should have a current list of the state organizations we have got going already, and of our executive directors and their addresses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. List of Affiliated state Organizations

June 13, 1955

University of Georgia Press
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

I would be glad for information about the forthcoming Southeastern Resources Handbook.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: George T. Guernsey

June 13, 1955

Dictated June 10

Dr. William G. Wright
National Council of the Protestant
Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

For once in a way instead of writing merely to beg, I write to give news. I daresay I should be begging again in six months, but not today.

As of now we have organized state groups, most of them Councils on human relations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas. We should have news from Florida in a few days, and that will complete our list of a dozen states. We have aimed for stable people who are both friendly and representative. We have had in all of these states for many years a nucleous of people long associated with the Southern Regional Council, in many instances going back to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation before us. It was essentially this body of our long-term friends who came together in each state and as a Board employed paid staff with the aid we were able to give them from the grant from the Fund for the Republic. They are learning about the states and building membership and organization. At the same time, they are making ~~they are making~~ their services available to local and sometimes to state school officials and to a variety of community leaders on ways of getting ahead with compliance with the Supreme Court's decision on the public schools. It is quiet work, but in surprising ways these local contacts produce results.

Church people have been helpful to us in this whole effort. The friendship of the clergy has been particularly in evidence in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, and Arkansas, and we have had general help in all the states of the same kind. The Chairman of our Virginia Council on Human Relations is the Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, Rector of Trinity Church at Staunton, Virginia. Three, at least, of the Executive Directors of the new state councils are ordained ministers. Jack Marion at Richmond is a Presbyterian; Bob Hughes at Montgomery is a Methodist; Nat Griswold at Arkansas is a Methodist by ordination, but I think no longer on the rolls of his Conference; and Harry Jones at Charlotte is a minister also.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly of this office, working in conjunction with Miss Stamats of the United Church Women, has held recently a South-wide meeting of church women and state meeting of them in Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana. She has another coming up in Florida. She will convene church women interdenominationally in this way in most of the Southern states in the next few months. They meet at the call of the Fellowship of the Concerned -- a most strange organization without officers or dues: just women who want to exemplify the religious spirit.

I append the full list of the state groups.

I believe Mr. Moran Weston has already been sent such a list, and may have taken steps to ask church people in the South to be helpful where they care to.

The gift of a thousand dollars to the Southern Regional Council from the National Council is invaluable. Nothing sustains us so much in this work as the knowledge that the churches genuinely care to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: KSS
GSM/eab
Encl. List of State Organizations

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

P. S. I think you will like a publication we did not long back called Changing Patterns in the New South. A copy comes up to you separately.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Affiliated State Organizations

Alabama Council on Human Relations

Rev. Duncan Hunter, Chairman
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Moore Bldg, Rm 206
Court St., Montgomery

Arkansas Council on Human Relations

Mr. Fred Darragh, Chairman
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Nat Griswold, Exec. Sec.
723½ E. 13th St
Little Rock

Mr. Christopher Mercer, Assoc. Ex. Sec.
P. O. Box 426
Pine Bluff

Florida Council on Human Relations

Mr. Paul Finner, Chairman
930 W. Park
Tallahassee

Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

Rev. G. E. Clary, Chairman
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3

Dr. Guy Wells, Ex. Sec.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3

Kentucky Council on Human Relations

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Chairman
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville

Louisiana Council on Human Relations

Rev. Albert D'Orlando, Chairman
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
Board of Trade Annex Bldg. Rm 303
New Orleans 12

Mississippi Council on Human Relations

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chairman
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg

Mrs. M. S. Lyells, Ex. Sec.
1104 Lynch St
Jackson

North Carolina Council on Human Relations

~~Rev. Leon Russell, Chairman~~ R.D. Wellons
~~First Methodist Church~~ Pembroke College
~~Rocky Mount, North Carolina~~ Pembroke, N.C.

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
121 East Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Affiliated State Organizations - 2
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

South Carolina Council on Human Relations

Mr. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Mr. Haskell Miller (temp Chrmn - Summer)
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Texas Commission on Race Relations

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Ex. Sec.
309 West 21st St
Austin

Virginia Council on Human Relations

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Chairman
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Mr. John H. Marion, Ex. Sec.
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road
Bon Air, Virginia (temp. address)

Mr. William Cooper, Assoc. Ex. Sec.
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

June 14, 1955

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

AIR MAIL

Dear Dick:

We are now in position to make a proposal to you about using the services of Irene Osborne for the twelve months beginning October 1, 1955.

What we would like to do is to guarantee her salary for those twelve months, to be paid to AFSC by SRC in the lump sum of $5,000. In addition, we would hold on our books $4,000 to cover cost of her travel when serving SRC's program. We are supposing that the $4,000 would cover both the cost of her actual transportation and a reasonable per diem for her hotel bills, meals, and incidentals. I suggest that when she travels for SRC purposes she send her travel voucher in to the Southern Regional Council for payment direct by us to her. We allow a per diem of $8.00 but I think that for Irene we could be persuaded to set the travel per diem on an actual expense basis. You should write me after conference with her as to the per diem obligation we would be assuming.

We would like it to be agreed that approximately 200 days of service by Irene Osborne in the twelve months beginning October 1, 1955, would be available to the Southern Regional Council. By service, in this context, we mean days of absence from her official station at Philadelphia, being days when she is in the Atlanta office of SRC, or by agreement with SRC at work within the thirteen state area comprising SRC's territory (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia). We include within the 200 days any Saturdays and Sundays necessarily involved in travel by agreement with the Southern Regional Council. The remainder of her time would be at the disposal of the American Friends Service Committee, for the most part for aid by her in non-Southern communities wishing her services. SRC will cover her full salary of $5,000 by check to AFSC, and we will be surrending to your jurisdiction that part of her time (roughly in excess of 200 days) when she would be at her official station or on assignment agreed to by you to non-Southern areas. We cannot cover her transportation or per diem expenses while she is (a) at her official station -- Philadelphia, or (b) on trips to non-Southern points.

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
June 14, 1955

We would expect an agreement with Irene Osborne so to route her travel as to involve longish stays within the Southern area -- that is to say we would wish to avoid arrangements with her for uneconomic weekends returns to Philadelphia.

It is likely that her advisory services will be requested within the Southern area by SRC or affiliated state agencies for some part of the time between now and October 1, 1955. If we undertook to cover her transportation and per diem cost for such travel requested, will her schedule permit such travel, and will it be agreeable with American Friends Service Committee to continue to cover her salary without charge to the Southern Regional Council for not to exceed two weeks of SRC desired travel between now and October 1, 1955?

Irene Osborne for the whole period contemplated in this letter (i.e., through the twelve months after October 1, 1955) would be attached to your staff and would be governed by the American Friends Service Committee's arrangements as to pension, leave, etc.

In addition to the $5,000 salary item for the twelve months beginning October 1, 1955, SRC would forward to you the amount needed to cover social security payments for Irene Osborne for the twelve months.

If this arrangement in general has your approval and here, please let me know. This or that modification in detail to make the arrangement as workable as possible would probably have our agreement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Clement
Mr. Wright
KS

June 14, 1955

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is a copy of Dr. Mitchell's letter to the American Friends Service Committee proposing terms for the use of Miss Irene Osborne's services between October 1, 1955, and October 1, 1956. I appreciate your discussing the matter with me on the telephone this morning and giving your approval to the arrangement as ~~already~~ orally described.

If after reading the letter there are modifications which you would wish to suggest, I am sure that they could be taken into account in fixing the final agreement.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

June 14, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In accordance with the agrement between you and Dr. Mitchell, I send you the enclosed copy of a letter going forward today to Richard Bennett of the American Friends Service Committee, proposing terms for the use of Miss Irene Osborne's services by the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. Clement, as a member of the Personnel Committee, gave ~~us~~ his oral assent to this proposal by telephone this morning. A copy of the enclosed letter is also going to him.

I owe you a letter, with interest, about information matters. But in order not to delay this, I will write you about them separately not later I hope than tomorrow.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

June 15, 1955

Mrs. J. E. Rigby
1440 Brightsridge Drive
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Rigby:

Thank you for your letter of June 13, 1955, asking for literature on race relations.

I am sending you, under separate cover, our publications list; a sample copy of our monthly magazine, New South; one of our pamphlets, "Answers for Action," and information on our publication, "Changing Patterns in the New South." I hope these will be of help to you.

Also, you may be interested in knowing that each of the states you mentioned in your letter has an active organization, affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, which is working in the field of race relations. I am attaching a list of addresses of these organizations for your information.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

ADDRESSES OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Montgomery, Alabama

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
723½ East 13th Street
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
Board of Trade Annex Building, Room 303
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Mrs. M. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dr. Haskell Miller, Acting Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
Department of Sociology
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

June 15, 1955

Mr. Victor B. Howard
8300 North Wisner Avenue
Niles (Chicago) 31, Illinois

Dear Mr. Howard:

Your letter of June 11, 1955, to the Atlanta Urban League, requesting literature on race relations, has been referred to me.

I am mailing you, under separate cover, our publications list; a copy of our pamphlet, "Answers for Action," and information on our publication, "Changing Patterns in the New South." Also, I am enclosing a copy of our monthly publication, New South.

Please let me know if I can be of further help to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

June 15, 1955

An original of this ltr to:

Rufus Clement
Mrs. Herman Heyman
Arthur J. Levin
Johnny Glustrom
William King
J. Carson Pritchard
Frank Shaw
Edwin Pritchett
R. A. Thompson
Miss Rhoda Kaufman
Mrs. Sally Church Richardson

Note: For addresses see "Hospitality list"
Foreign Visitors (general) File

June 15, 1955

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

This is to invite you, or some other representative of your agency, to attend an informal meeting to explore more effective ways of meeting the needs of foreign visitors and foreign students in this area. The meeting will take place at the Atlanta Y.W.C.A., corner of Edgewood and Ivy, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 22nd.

A number of agencies in Atlanta and other Georgia communities find themselves called upon to provide hospitality and briefing for an increasing flow of foreign guests. This meeting is inspired by the hope that we may develop a concerted plan for more efficient handling of this important job.

I earnestly hope that you or your representative will find it possible to be present next Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for Information

HCF/eab

June 15, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

In addition there is sufficient money to cover the salary of a full-time Associate Director by your state organization for the remaining months of the current fiscal year; thus you can assure prospective candidates of at least fifteen months employment.

It would be our requirement that the starting salary paid to the Associate Director be the same as was the starting salary of your Executive Director.

Your Executive Committee or Personnel Committee should seek qualified candidates for the position as quickly as possible. We do not mean to imply that speed is more important than quality. Before final commitments are made for employing an Associate Director the Central Office must give its approval according to our agreement with the state organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
CHP
FBR

June 15, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

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Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: Mrs. E. H. Spearman
CHP
FBR

June 15, 1955

Reverend Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Reverend D'Orlando:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

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Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo
FBR
CHP

June 15, 1955

Mr. Paul Finner
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

June 15, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

In addition there is sufficient money to cover the salary of a full-time Associate Director by your state organization for the remaining months of the current fiscal year; thus you can assure prospective candidates of at least fifteen months employment.

It would be our requirement that the starting salary paid to the Associate Director be the same as was the starting salary of your Executive Director.

Your Executive Committee or Personnel Committee should seek qualified candidates for the position as quickly as possible. We do not mean to imply that speed is more important than quality. Before final commitments are made for employing an Associate Director the Central Office must give its approval according to our agreement with the state organizations.

Virginia already has an able Associate Director on a half-time basis; we would approve of his being made full-time. In the event that this is not possible we will be glad to negotiate with you on any other arrangement which might be best.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: Mr. John H. Marion
FBR

June 15, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

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Your Executive Committee or Personnel Committee should seek qualified candidates for the position as quickly as possible. We do not mean to imply that speed is more important than quality. Before final commitments are made for employing an Associate Director the Central Office must give its approval according to our agreement with the state organizations.

Arkansas already has an able Associate Director on a half-time basis; we would approve of his being made full-time. In the event that this is not possible we will be glad to negotiate with you on any other arrangement which might be best.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: Mr. Nat Griswold
FBR
CHP

June 15, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

That which we had hoped for from the beginning is now possible -- an integrated, full-time staff in each of the twelve Southern states. As a consequence of the reallocation of certain funds (an additional $2,500 per state) we are now in position to assure you of assistance from SRC in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, which would enable your state organization to cover the entire salary at $5,000 of an Associate Director for those twelve months.

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/eab

cc: CHP
Mr. Robert Hughes
FBR

June 15, 1955

Mrs. Lee Lindsey
Portland
~~Kansas~~ Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Lindsey:

Your letter of June 7, 1955, requesting information on economic conditions in the South, has been referred to me.

I am sorry that we cannot be of much help in furnishing actual material, but I am enclosing a list of our publications. Please write us if you think any of them will be of use to you.

Your best sources for material on economic conditions in the area are the Southern Association of Science and Industry, 5009 Peachtree Road, N. W., and the Committee of the South, National Planning Association, Glenn Building. Both organizations are located in the city and will probably be glad to hear from you.

Also, the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta has prepared a pamphlet entitled "Statistics on the Developing South." This booklet was prepared in 1954 and may be helpful.

If we can be of additional help, please write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

June 16, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here are various items that I have been planning to write you about:

1. You may be interested in the several enclosures. You may keep them if you wish, since we have other copies. I quoted our [redacted], of course, to the lady in Arkansas, but I have not yet had a reply from her.

2. We appreciated your calling to alert us to the impending speech of Governor Hodges. Unfortunately all my efforts to reach appropriate North Carolina people were unsuccessful. I would be interested in your reaction to the Monday night speech. Judging by the newspaper reports, it was not the wholly constructive statement we had hoped for, despite the wise decision not to call the legislature into special session.

3. Dr. Mitchell asked me to write you about the suggestion for New South in your letter of June 6th. I agree enthusiastically with your idea of a cumulative list of Southern counties integrating their school systems. My feeling is that we should exclude the border states from this listing, for two reasons. First, we have always put our main emphasis on the thirteen states regarded as the South proper and officially included in the Council's area; the theory being that precedents there carry the greatest weight within the South. Second, and more important perhaps, better than fifty of the eighty counties cited in our recent statement are in West Virginia; I doubt that a listing by name of this many counties in one border state would accomplish our purpose. I should appreciate your views on the modified idea of instituting a cumulative list of the communities of the thirteen Southern states which now proceed to conform to the Supreme Court's decision. As a beginning, we are summarizing in the forthcoming issue of New South such favorable reactions as the Ashville and Charlotte Boards' statements. Your suggestion that we stress the "call to leadership" will also be used, with thanks.

4. Fred Routh tells me that the model act requested by the Alabama floor leader was supplied but has not yet been used as a basis for proposed legislation. When and if it is, we will let you know at once. Meanwhile, the other state staff people have been supplied with copies of the same model act.

5. The statement which you approved on the heels of the Supreme Court decision was not only released promptly to the press, but was also mailed out the same day to each of the state groups for possible guidance. A good many of them got out statements of their own as evidenced to some extent in the state by state reports in the latest issue of Southern School News. Incidentally, Katherine Stoney is entering your subscription on the new paid basis with Southern School News.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for Information

HCF/eab
Encls.

June 17, 1955.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Nathan
Department of Community Affairs
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Nathan:

Thanks so much for your letter about "Equality by Statute".

We will be most grateful for the gift of 50 copies and will try to place them as effectively as possible. I will look forward to hearing further from you or from Seymour Samet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Associate Director

HCF/vc

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 17, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM: FREDERICK B. ROUTH

SUBJECT: Film, And So They Grow (16mm. color, sound, 25 min.).

We recently reviewed the excellent film, And So They Grow: a camera study of a group of nine year olds in a year round play program, put out by the Play Schools Association of New York. The purpose of the film is to show: (1) the universality of play and its meaning to children of school age; (2) the value of good adult leadership; and (3) the importance of good play programs in all communities. The group is composed of twenty-one children, eight girls and thirteen boys who are registered by their parents. Their backgrounds are different culturally, racially, and economically. Each child's requirements and abilities differ. The parent group ranges from unskilled to professionally trained, from low to upper-middle income.

We believe the showing of this film to such groups as PTA's, child study groups, and local affiliates of your organization would be most helpful. It does not hit the interracial theme directly, but demonstrates the ability of all children to play together and appreciate each other as individuals. It may be secured from Campus Film Library, 14 East Fifty-Third Street, New York 22, New York. If you desire the film, write them directly -- there is a charge for rental.

eab/

June 17, 1955

Mr. George M. Trautman, President
The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues
720 East Broad Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Trautman:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 14, 1955, and your kind remarks concerning my baseball article.

I am sorry about the inaccurate statement being printed; but as you indicate in your letter, the statement received widespread coverage in the press through an Associated Press article.

It will be a pleasure to be able to correct the statement in an early issue of New South. I was puzzled by the reported action since I had heard many good things concerning your attitude on the matter of Negroes playing in organized baseball.

Also, I would like to know if there is any possibility of your office being able to tell me how many (even approximately) Negro players are participating on teams which operate in the South? The information would be helpful.

Again, thank you for your letter. It brought pleasing news.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 17, 1955.

Mr. John Scanlon
Fund for the Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for the copies of The Negro and the Schools and Schools in Transition, which have just arrived. We are proceeding at once with the distribution.

Thanks too for your suggestion about the Baltimore report. I have written to Mr. Kraushaar about the possibilities of our getting a supply.

It was good to chat with you and Dorothy again, even if only by telephone. I'll be racking my brain for some pretext to come to New York next Fall. If, as, and when, I'll hope to see you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Associate Director.

June 17, 1955.

Mr. W. H. Jones
Box 206
State Teachers College
Livingston, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jones:

Dr. Mitchell has passed on to me your good article, "The Pitman Case". Being a native Georgian, I read it with particular interest.

Unfortunately, our only vehicle for such material is our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, which is not suited in size or in scope for this type of article.

I should think that some appropriate educational journal would be the best publisher, but I expect you know that field better than I do.

I wish I could be an help in placing the article and I hope you will feel free to send us any future manuscripts which you feel might be suitable for NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Associate Director

HCF/vc

June 17, 1955.

Mr. E. E. Patton
Delegate
1983 Maplewood Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Patton:

Thank you for your letter of June 6.

We should be very glad to read your article on practical educators. However, from this brief characterization of it, I doubt that it falls within the subject-matter scope of NEW SOUTH. As you may know, NEW SOUTH is mainly concerned with developments in race relations in the Southern region.

If I have insufficiently grasped the nature of your article and you feel that it would be appropriate for NEW SOUTH, I should be very glad to have you send it along.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Associate Director.

HCF/vc

June 17, 1955.

President Otto Kraushaar
Gaucher College
Baltimore Maryland

Dear Dr. Kraushaar:

John Scanlon of the Fund for the Advancement of Education recently told me of the report on the public shhool integration in Baltimore which was then in preparation. He suggested that I write you about the possibility of the Southern Regional Council securing a number of copies of the report for distribution to influencial and interested people in the South.

I would be very grateful if you will advise me about the possibilities of our doing such a mailing. In any case, we shall be much interested in seing the report on these significant developments.

Witheevery good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Associate Director

HCF/vc

June 17, 1955.

Mr. Arthur McDonald
116 Joe Brown Dormitory
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Dr. Mitchell, who has been out of the city a good deal lately, has asked me to acknowledge your letter dated May 26. Please accept my apologies for this delay in writing.

The handbill which you prepared and distributed was excellently done, and a number of people have called it to our attention. You and the other members of your group showed commendable courage and purpose. You probably saw, as we did, the issue of Roy Harris's paper charging that you had been "brain washed" by the insidious Southern Regional Council and Friends Service Committee. This is on a par with Mr. Harris's usual level of accuracy and we trust that you have been as able to shrug him off as we have become.

The next time you are in Atlanta, do come by the office, and meanwhile our good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 17, 1955.

Mr. Earl Mann
President
Atlanta Crackers Inc.
650 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mann:

Thank you very much for your good letter about our baseball article in the May New South.

As you no doubt noted, our source for the statement about Nat Peeples was the Atlanta Constitution. We are sorry that the statement was in error and we appreciate your calling the facts to our attention. We will make note of the correction in an early issue of New South.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 17, 1955.

Dr. Lee Coleman
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

Thanks so much for the copy of your Journal of Negro Education article on prospects for the integration in Kentucky. The supplementary pages on reactions to the May 31 ruling are particularly helpful.

Fred ~~Ralph~~ Routh and John Constable have also read the manuscript with profit and we will pass it on to George Mitchell when he returns to the office next week.

We are going to make passing mention of the Lexington development in the forthcoming issue of New South. I am glad I was able to get the background from you since we might have overplayed it.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director.

June 17, 1955
(Dictated June 15)

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

Harry Jones called and spoke to FBR and HCF in re Marion Wright's proposal for a project in three western North Carolina counties. Jones said that his Executive Board had met and considered the proposal, thought it was moderately useful but not of high priority, and decided to see if it can be worked out. Apparently the Friends in Greensboro are inclined to put up half of any consultant cost involved.

Jones raised the specific question whether unused Associate salary money might be drawn on for a consultant to work in these counties, if such a person can be found. His assumption was that it might, provided such tapping of those funds would not conflict with the employment of a full-time Associate Director at the earliest possible time. Fred and I both agreed that we thought this assumption correct, emphasizing the importance of proceeding with the employment of a full-time Associate. Jones allowed as how the mountain county project would cost no more than a few hundred dollars at most.

I further told him that simply because Marion Wright had made the suggestion, the North Carolina group was not to assume that it carried any special mandate from the Council, but was to be considered on its own merits like any other proposal.

Jones called with the hope of discussing this with you. I told him that you would be in touch with him on your return if you had different or additional ideas on the subject.

eab/

An original of the attached ltr to:
(dtd 6/20/55)

A.M.E.
Bishop S. L. Greene
Bishop D. Ward Nichols
Bishop A. J. Allen
Bishop George W. Baber
Bishop D. Ormonde Walker
Bishop Frank M. Reid
Bishop H. Thomas Primm
Bishop I. H. Bonner
Bishop Joseph Gomez
Bishop Carery A. Gibbs
Bishop W. R. Wilkes
Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

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Bishop William Jacob Walls
Bishop John William Martin
Bishop William Cornelius Brown
Bishop Walter William Slade
Bishop Raymond Luther Jones
Bishop Hampton Thomas Medford
Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw
Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood
Bishop William Andrew Stewart

C.M.E.

Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, Sr.
Bishop H. P. Porter
Bishop W. Y. Bell
Bishop Luther Stewart
Bishop F. L. Lewis
Bishop B. W. Doyle
Bishop A. W. Womack
Bishop B. J. Smith
Bishop J. C. Allen

Methodist Church - Atlantic Coast Area

Bishop Edgar A. Love
Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
Bishop Willis J. Kint
Bishop Alexander P. Shaw
Bishop J. W. E. Bowen

(For addresses see "Lists - General" file folder)

cc of ltr to KS and copy of this list

EAB/

June 20, 1955

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Bowen:

I should like to ask your help in a very important matter.

Two years ago, the Fund for the Republic, in recognition of the crucial racial situation in the South, made a grant to the Southern Regional Council to permit it to organize an overall regional program looking toward the improvement of race relations in this region. One of the conditions of the grant provided that the Council would secure outside support from Negro and white people in order to claim money from the Fund for the Republic. It was further anticipated that the Southern Regional Council should become a self-perpetuating group financially. I am enclosing a little brochure giving you a bird's-eye view of the work of the Council.

We are now at the point where we must begin to raise upwards of $50,000 from outside sources annually. I am pleased to tell you that numerous individuals and many white organizations and churches have contributed to our operating fund and will continue to do so. However, we have received only a nominal amount of support from Negro people and organizations. This has disappointed us, particularly in view of the fact that the Southern Regional Council is now and always has been, in membership and staff, an integrated bi-racial organization.

This letter comes to you with the plea that you will see the importance, at this time particularly, of underwriting the program of a strong Council and in agreeing to support it financially. I have been asked to urge you to place the Southern Regional Council in the budget of each of your Annual Conferences by underwriting its program with an annual appropriation of at least $100.00; more if possible, from the larger Conferences under your jurisdiction. We hope that you are sympathetic with this work and that you may be able to get your Northern as well as your Southern Conferences to help us in this way.

The Southern Regional Council, operating as it does in twelve Southern states and with a program covering the region in which racial matters will be of paramount importance during the next five to ten years, is one of the very best organizations through which we can work out equality of citizenship for all Americans and final acceptance of all the laws of our land.

The Council will greatly appreciate a favorable reaction to this request, and I will be deeply grateful to you personally. May I not hear from you at your earliest convenience?

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

President

June 20, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I speared around some on the long distance phone about your CIO problems. If people were less than cordial, I am sure I could interest my good friend, Charlie Gilman, who is Southeastern Regional Officer for the CIO with an office in Atlanta.

The best advice I can get for you is to renew your contact with the CIO through Cecil Robertson who has an office in the Steelworkers office at first and 19th Streets and whose telephone number, from memory, is believed to be 48534.

In spearing around, various high personages said that they would be friendly and they hoped all the local people in Alabama would be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 20, 1955

Mrs. Margaret W. Dagen
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Margaret:

I am sorry we don't lap over at the Kentucky Labor School. What a pity! But let's hope that it does work out in Arizona. I am supposed to be there August 21st - 27th.

Much appreciation for the subscription to New South duly entered.

You have been a good egg and we are all grateful to you. More grateful than you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 20, 1955

Mr. Joe R. Hoffer
Executive Secretary
National Conference of Social Work
22 West Gay Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hoffer:

Mighty kind of you to send the big check.

I had a grand time, and I am extremely grateful to you and all the others.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 20, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am sending you today twenty-five copies of the "Saint Louis Story." * They are free of charge to us and are free of charge to you.

Do keep looking for a Treasurer. We would value your nomination.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
*Under separate cover this date.

June 20, 1955

Mr. Charles F. Golden
Division of National Missions
of the Board of Missions
of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Golden:

I had just finished dictating this long letter when in came the check from your Philadelphia office for $250 for the quarter beginning June 1st. So we take it that we are restored! We are deeply grateful.

Nothing sustains our courage and confidence more than the knowledge that the churches are interested in what we do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
cc: Bishop Lowe

June 20, 1955

Mr. Charles F. Golden
Associate Secretary
Division of National Missions
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Golden:

I write betweenwhiles to keep you abreast of the Southern Regional Council's progress.

We have now got state groups organized in all of the twelve states in which we expect to work except Florida, and Florida should be set up any day now. Hooked on to this letter is a list of names of the state groups and of the executive directors and their addresses. If they can be helpful to you in any matter, large or small, I am sure they will all wish to be.

Two, at least of these men are Methodist ministers. The young fellow in Alabama was assigned to the job by Bishop Purcell, and the Arkansas man is a Methodist minister also, though I think it has been a good many years since he had a church. Incidentally, the Virginia man is a Presbyterian minister, and the North Carolina man is a minister too. So you see we could hardly have staffed these new state groups without the help of the churches. If I were to call the roll of the state chairmen (who are volunteers) I would be into a long list of ministers, and several of them to my knowledge Methodist ministers.

Mrs. Tilly is now full-time on the staff of the Southern Regional Council. She has been working through a group called the Fellowship of the Concerned to get church women to exert themselves interdenominationally state by state on the major Southern problems of the moment. She has had recently a South-wide meeting of church women at Atlanta, and state meetings in Alabama, Louisiana, and Georgia, and has another coming up in September in Florida. Later on she hopes to arrange similar meetings in most of the states.

We are all of us convinced that the churches will lead the South in all of these matters of race. And nothing has been so encouraging as the quiet purpose of the church women in particular, in community after community. I cite as a recent example, some events in Nashville. The National Council of Jewish Women asked its local representatives to be active on matters of schools and segregation. The Nashville lady who received the recommendation cast about for friendly spirits and soon got in touch with the local representative of the Tennessee Council of Church Women who had been similarly moved from the United Church Women. Between the two of them they brought together a two-day meeting two weeks or so ago in Nashville to explore what could be done in that city.

I went up for the meeting and found the ladies, as the group gathered, fearful that not as many as a hundred people would turn up. They had five hundred people and a constant bustle of chairs and people coming in all through the meeting. The next day they explored the local facts with care. They specifically did not meet for action, but for acquaintance and facts. But I am historian enough to be sure that when the books are written on the ultimate desegregation of the schools in Nashville, it will be that meeting which began it. Mrs. Tilly could tell you similar and inspiring tales of the courage of her friends even in some of the most difficult situations.

Incidentally, in our judgment the Supreme Court's decrees will go a long way toward making the process flow along smoothly.

I should add to the information about our new state groups that various of them already have Associate Executive Directors who share equally in policy and in salary with the Executive Directors, and carry forward our principle of simple equality between white and Negro persons. And we have lately been able so to arrange money matters that all of the states can proceed in that way as to staff.

We are candidates, as you know, for reinstatement next year as a group to be helped by the Board of Missions.

If we can send you details as to any particular state group, or reports of any particular situation in the South, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. List of Affiliated State Organizations

cc: Bishop Edgar A. Love
KS

June 20, 1955

Mr. Paul P. Cooke
Director of the Workshop
The Summer School
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

I am sorry I was out of town for a week when your letter came in June 16th about Marshall Harris. I don't know where he is, though people in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics ought to know. He may still be around Washington.

See you Friday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 20, 1955

Mr. Gerald Clark
New York Herald Tribune Building
Fifth Floor
230 West Forty-First Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clark:

I have been away for a week and I am only just home to your kind letter of June 13th.

So glad you are coming. We will do anything we can to get you useful information.

I, myself, may not be here, but others in the office, most particularly Harold Fleming, will turn out to be quite helpful I am sure.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: HCF plus incoming ltr.

June 20, 1955 June 20, 1955

HCF:

I asked Grace the day after Samet's visit to write Samet about what was known on Georgia participation in the White House Conferences. I take it from Samet's letter that she did not write.

Can you contrive to get the story together and write Samet?

GSM
eab/

June 21, 1955

FBR:

I take it that you have officially noted in an appropriate place the by-laws' changes for South Carolina in the May 29th meeting Minutes attached.

GSM/eab
Encl. - SCCHR Minutes

June 21, 1955

FBR:

I take it we made a mistake in listing Dick Foster as staying on the SRC Board. Maybe when we wrote the letter we didn't know that Claude Evans had replaced Dick Foster. I have written Mrs. Spearman as attached.

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 21, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Evidently my letter to you of June 9th on Board membership was in error. I should not have signed it without careful scrutiny.

Mrs. Paul is ex-officio by election in South Carolina, and Claude Evans is ex-officio as present Chairman of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. When the Chairmanship shifted from Foster to Evans, Foster's position on the Board (which was ex-officio) likewise shifted to Evans. Elections-at-large to the Board of SRC are made only by the annual meeting of the Board, so that this office naturally has no power to put or retain anybody on the Board.

I am sorry to lose Dick Foster whom I like, but these are the rules.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

June 21, 1955

Air mail

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

I am delighted with your letter to Dan Dodson!

I don't doubt you and I could cook up a plan about northern Virginia if we could get together. I am to be at a Workshop at Howard University in the custody of one Paul Cooke from 9:00 a.m. daylight time Friday, June 24th until about 2:30 that afternoon. And I take a plane out of Washington at 6:50 p.m. June 24th.

I am to spend the night of June 23rd, or what is left of it after 10:00 p.m., at the Cosmos Club.

If you can come out to Howard any part of the forenoon of the 24th, that fixes it. If you can't, what do you say to leaving a note for me around telephone wires at the Cosmos Club and we could meet Friday afternoon when and where you might say.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1955

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
One North Sixth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Aubrey:

Glad to have your letter of June 13th, which I am slow in answering only because I have been away for a week.

My feeling has been that it is better to get influential people who are on the side favorable to integration to use their time and influence in working with other people toward getting something done, rather than consume the value of such people in short-run public statements. Therefore we, in SRC, have made few statements ourselves, and have done very little in the way of prodding other people for them. But we are not opposed to statements; statements do good. It is only that we so often have found that the man whose signature would be useful on the statement could do a whole lot more that is good if he would apply himself energetically in the community through his many channels of influence.

To that end we have launched in each of the twelve Southern states a state council on human relations, or whatever name it may have. It aspires to contain in its membership many of the people whose voices would be heard respectfully over the states. I attach a list of these organizations, and of their Executive Directors. Jack Marion, for instance, in Virginia runs that one.

The Supreme Court has now in effect set going a race among communities to see which can earliest come up to the requirements of the decision. Running this race requires all the facts about the local school systems, a lot of painstaking negotiation and committee-building and telephoning and meetings. It will take some pressing of the local school board. But the community in which the ground is thus worked will move. And the race is to those that move swiftly and soundly.

Some communities are gonna get left behind, and I suppose in the end it will take lawsuits to make them move. The real competition is to get going soundly. And that is a responsiblity of concerned local citizens.

And I think the concern should be expressed in action. And the action should be a clearing of the minds and purposes of a segment -- and if possible an influental segment -- of the local population. 'Tis a parenthesis, but the way to do that is for local people white and Negro to meet together and go on to get the facts and find out what to do. It is the beginning of health and of solution.

This is not said discouragingly to your idea; I am perfectly willing for that also, if it can be arranged. And it would help.

I do see as another very useful thing the constituting in advance -- along about now -- of a group of people white and Negro in each state who would in some very rough sense parallel the officially appointed state school board. Where it is narrow and partisan, it would be broad and inclusive. When the state school, prompted by the Governor or the legislator, comes out with infamous doctrine this other group would call in the press and advise the state a'right. The catch is that it takes a little money to have meetings and it takes some effort to get a steady flow of fact about the school system and possible changes in it to this alternative school board group. But SRC's local state council offices have people in them who could provide such a service.

An interesting thing is coming up over the edge in Kentucky. Fayette County, as a county, and the city of Danville (which I take it is a Presbyterian city?) have each officially through their school boards asked for and impaneled a citizens advisory committee to advise the school board what to do about integration. That's smart. It will get the elected school board members off the political spot and will enable them to act in a modern spirit. Maybe energy could be channeled into getting other towns to adopt that device.

Do write me again and let's between us get nearer to things to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encls.
GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

June 21, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: HCF

From: GSM

July 4th I have to make a set speech for the Race Relations Institute at Fisk on the subject "The South Today and the Supreme Court's Decision.

At this stage, what I am inclined to build the talk on is the shift of the controversy from blanket desegregation to competitiveness between local areas as to which shall comply with the Court's command of early start in good faith.

That would fit in neatly with some account of the encroachment of nearly complete desegregation smack up to the borders of the South; and of the jump-over of desegregation into such spots as it has now reached, in fact or in announced intention, within the South.

If you can collect anything that would be helpful for a speech along this line, or on other and better lines, please do so.

GSM/eab

June 21, 1955

KS:

The expense of my trip to Blue Ridge and back for the CIO amounted to $31.09, and I have billed that amount entirely to the CIO. In addition, they are to provide $100 honorarium.

So when the check comes from the CIO you can distribute it accordingly.

In addition to the trip to Blue Ridge, I had a run over to Linville Falls for which I had to hire somebody else's car at a fee of $5.00, and that sum is chargeable to SRC and an expense account for it is submitted herewith.

Encl.
GSM/eab

June 21, 1955.

Miss Dorothy Mitchell
Administrative Assistant
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for the report on desegregation in the Baltimore Schools, which I was anxious to see. As a matter of fact, at John Scanlon's suggestion, I wrote the other day to Mr. Kraushaar about the possibility of our getting a quantity of copies. At that time, I had not seen the report. But now that I have, I am even more interested.

We would be delighted if we could get 3,000 copies. We would distribute some of them through our state organizations and others by direct mail.

I suppose I will hear from Kraushaar shortly. But if it is appropriate for you to speed up the process by transmitting our request, I will appreciate it much.

Never you mind about the telephone call. John S. called me to day and I more than evened things up by keeping him on the phone endlessly.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 21, 1955

Mrs. John Doughrty
The Library
Blue Ridge,
North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Doughrty:

It is a pleasure to send you a copy of father's book.*

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
*Under separate cover this date

June 21, 1955

KS:

I noticed in the letter of grant, from Treasury in Kentucky to the Kentucky Council, that one paragraph directed the Kentucky Council to file copies of any subsequent amendments of its by-laws.

I suggest a check to see if SRC was similarly directed in '47.

GSM/eab

June 21, 1955

Miss Gertrude Samuels
The New York Times
Sunday Department
Times Square
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Samuels:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 14, 1955, and permission to reprint your article on "School Desegregation: A Case History."

If the staff decides to reprint the article, I will write you again and let you know about any additional developments.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

June 21, 1955.

Mr. H. A. Brimm
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
1319 Heyburn Bldg
Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Dear Hugh:

At the New Hope Camp meeting, the central staff requested that the state organizations send to the Atlanta Office 10 copies of everything which they print or mimeograph. It was also agreed, I understand, that each of the state organizations would send one copy of everything put out to each of the others. Enclosed is a newly mimeographed list of the state directors and their addresses.

This covers only our own organizational distribution, and it may be that you are thinking in terms of others organizations and agencies. That would be at your discretion, of course, but as a possible help, I am also sending a memorandum sent out last Fall on this general subject.

I am glad to note that you are in harness and will be glad to help (and be helped) in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Enc.

June 21, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: GSM

TO: KS

It seems to me that to the office of Treasurer should attach custody of a copy, at least, of Treasury's letter granting tax-exemption to each and/or any state organization. General correspondence about tax-exemption should find its resting place in the regular correspondence files, but I do hope that you can set arrangements to yield you a copy of the Kentucky letter of grant and of the bum Georgia letter of grant, and of any others which come in later.

GSM/eab
Encl. cc: Ky. Tax-exemption grant

June 21, 1955

Mr. J. M. Tydings
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

We are very grateful for all the hard work that went into getting the Kentucky tax-exemption, and are delighted that you have it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I am sensible of the weight of your letter of June 9th, and, as I told you the other day when I was at Linville Falls, will do my best to work in that way. As far as the staff is concerned, I think policy people on the staff have been pretty thoroughly consulted and have usually been able to get their special and general views into decisions made.

On the letter to the Ford people, it is to be considered that the main issues concerned have been pretty thoroughly discussed by Mrs. Hamilton and others in meetings of the Program Planning Committee, and I believe that her final report to the Executive Committee made it plain that numerous points, which had been so thrashed out in the Program Planning Committee meetings, had found their way into the letter to the Fund for the Republic. I sent it off without convening a meeting of the Executive Committee because (a) it appeared urgent to know as far ahead of time as possible whether there would be funds for the employment of Associate Directors in the various states, and (b) because we had no way of knowing how long it would take the machinery of the Fund for the Republic to act on the matter. As it turned out, they were pleasantly prompt.

I say these things not to escape or turn your general points, which I agree with fully.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road
Bon Air, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of June 14th which I have just gotten around to answering because I have been out for a week.

Glad you and Cooper are both going to Fisk.

I hope that in Virginia the breathers of defiance will pretty soon find that their breath does not blow hot much beyond Southside and Southern Tidewater. The weight of community sentiment in the rest of the state will be the other way. The job is to organize action in the rest of the state so that they surround and provide example for the defiers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1955

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
Friends World Committee
Wilmington College
Wilmington, Ohio

Dear Ralph:

I had asked Dick Bennett where you were and I learned that you were there at Wilmington, but I didn't know that you are running the maggie. No claim is made that "I think of you constantly," but it would be true to say that about every three weeks you pop into my head and I wonder how you and your wife and your children are getting along, and how the year in England was, and where you are and what you do. I do hope the future will bring us more chances to be together.

I send separately the recent issues of New South and a few more things that will be helpful. The Southern School News you should begin to get hold of straight along. It has been free so far, but becomes $2.00 a year. I believe the Fund for the Advancement of Education backs it.

New South in the future will also cost you $2.00 a year. Hope you can subscribe.

We have been slow to take up the employment thing simply because the schools are so pressing, and also because we were aware of the good push-ahead job that AFSC is doing.

The issue of New South with the bar charts about white and Negro income will be helpful.

Take a look at the map in the back of the pamphlet called Answers for Action. That pretty well tells the tale of the varying pace at which desegregation will proceed. Easy places first; toughest places later.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: Feb-May '55 N.S.
* Oct-Nov '53 N.S.
Changing Patterns in the New South
Answers for Action
Southern School News (June 8, 1955)
SRC Publications list
Grey leaflet

*Under separate cover

June 22, 1955

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I will do my best to get to ~~Lexington~~ Louisville, and expect I will be able to -- Tuesday, June 28th, 2:00 p.m., Seelbach Hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 22, 1955

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Department of Research and Education
of the Kentucky State Federation
of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Jimmy:

My Kentucky Council on Human Relations has scheduled a meeting for themselves at Louisville, Tuesday, June 28th. Nice if my schedule would permit me to go by -- not absolutely necessary.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 22, 1955.

Mrs. Sheila C. Kislik
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Kislik:

Many thanks for sending us the six copies of the list of "key people" and the six copies of the supplementary list.

I have already put them to good use, cut them up and sent them to the executives directors of our state affiliated organizations in the respective states.

Frank Loescher has been with us the past few days and we have been enjoying his comments on his travels across the South.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/vc

June 22, 1955

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
Associate Executive Director
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Al:

Many thanks for your letter of June 29th, which I get to thus belatedly because I have been out for a week.

Here is a list of our present state organizations, with the names and addresses of their chairmen and directors.

I would like the presence of these organizations and of the staff and volunteer leadership to be widely known to interested church people.

One purpose of the state groups we have set up is to provide a continuing channel of responsible interchange between white and Negro people. They are particularly interested in the matter of the schools, but the state groups are concerned, also, in the broad field of race and human relations in their areas. We think of the state staffs as being freely available to churches and other organizations in those states in need of facts, minor services, or counsel. Indeed the state organizations ought ideally to be little more than formalized coordinating bodies for the efforts of any individuals and groups in each state.

We have great confidence that any problem can be solved by free and equal interchange of white and Negro views.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 22, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We have been trying to work out dates for an Executive Committee meeting in late July, but simply couldn't get the space at Gatlinburg. The next time it suits the convenience of staff people is thought to be a dead period at the last of August and those first days of September before Labor Day. So we are trying to book space at Mammoth Cave for a meeting which would begin with supper the night of August 31st and continue during September 1, and be over after breakfast September 2nd. We are told that there is a comfortable little hotel there that would take us all in.

Meanwhile, in search of a meeting place for the Board, November 9th, I have been stumped by Cassandra's requirement of unsegregated housing. Vigo tells me it could not be had in New Orleans. Dillard or Xavier would love to have us, but will be chock full of students. Parrish suggested Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee, which is a blooming good suggestion. Hotel rooms a'plenty. Meals prepared by Tuskegee's school of chef cooking. Not as far West as we would like, but as far as we could go and feel sure of meeting Cassandra's requirement. We are writing Tuskegee to see if that can be had.

We are counter-proposing to the Quakers that we pay them $5,000 for Osborne's salary for twelve months, and that they put Osborne on leave for six months, during which six months she would work for us at and out of this office. I have checked this with Rufus, who approves. Do not know whether Quakers will agree. The $10,000 this would cost is the only $10,000 available for three area meetings of staff and state volunteer personnel. I want both, but I feel most obligated on the Osborne arrangement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. The Quakers had counter-proposed that Osborne be on their payroll all year, travel out of Philadelphia, and be available to us under their direction 180 days. We have not liked this.

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 22, 1955

Mrs. C. L. Harper
1290 Hunter Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harper:

There is a prayer available in the Burial Service which thanks God for the wonderful virtue and wisdom set forth in "the choice vessels of His grace." Certainly Mr. Harper, in devotion and wisdom and in every unselfishness, merited this description.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 22, 1955

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

When I saw Larry in Denver three weeks ago, he told me that information had reached him casually, but authentically, that the government people had formally cleared him way last October! Disgraceful business all around. They were only after his job to offer it to somebody of the incoming political party.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 22, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

I had occasion to be on the telephone with Vigo this morning. He asked me to pass on to you that he, Vigo, would be at Fisk the whole two weeks and that the head of the New Orleans Committee, Mr. Taylor, would go. He was uncertain whether Taylor would stay the whole two weeks -- had an idea that Taylor would depart before the last three days. I promptly suggested, as a money-saving measure, that if Taylor was only going to be there half-time he only stay a complete week. I didn't press this, but said that it was your business and Taylor's business, not mine. I am merely saving Vigo's secretary by getting this word to you.

GSM/eab

June 23, 1955.

Mrs. Margaret B. Crate
2410 Inwood Dr.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Dr. Mitchell passed on to me your recent letter and enclosed clipping on the very promising developments in Houston. I am sure the influence of you and your associates there is an important factor.

Prompt information about developments like this help us more than you know.

With thanks and all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 23, 1955.

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dave:

A small matter, but I thought I should send you the enclosed article from New Republic and the subsequently published correction.

We have quite a time battling the public confusion between the Ford Foundation and the Fund for the Republic, but I wanted you to know that we are trying.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Encs.

June 23, 1955.

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Just a word of appreciation for your faithfulness in sending us clippings on the Arkansas scene. This helps us more than you know in planning programs and servicing information requests in this office.

I am sorry that I have not yet had an opportunity to meet you and Christopher Mercer, but I heard many good things about you both and about your Arkansas operation in general, and I am looking forward to the opportunity.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 23, 1955.

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Just a word of appreciation for your faithfulness in sending us clippings about Mississippi developments.

This opportunity to see promptly and fully what is going on in the state helps us enormously and we will be grateful for similar thoughtfulness in the future.

All good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 23, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

Dan Dodson has me coming up for some Workshop of his July 12, 13, and 14. I will hope that that won't coincide with a holiday for you. Will do the usual of calling your office as soon as I get in to see if there will be time for a visit.

Can you give me any rough idea of a date toward which I should work for having in my request for next year's help? It is important in arranging meetings of our Executive Committee, etc.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1955.

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the good clippings which just arrived. It looks as though some good things are stirring in North Carolina, and it helps us enormously to get the newspapers accounts thus promptly.

Congratulations too on the attractive promotion leaflet, copy of which arrived in this morning's mail.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

July 23, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHP

FROM: GSM

The conversations with Frank Loescher yesterday lead me to wish to move the date of the Executive Committee meeting back to August 16 and 17th.

I learned that you had apparently been unable to get through to Mammoth Cave and that therefore arrangements had not been made for the September date.

I talked with Brimm and asked Brimm to talk to Mammoth Cave Hotel people. Brimm reserved at the Mammoth Cave Hotel eight double rooms for the nights of August 16th and 17th. We are to be served dinner the night of the 16th and all meals through breakfast the morning of the 18th, for ten or fifteen people.

I told Brimm that in case you had got through to Mammoth Cave this arrangement countermanded that. I have confirmed with Mammoth Cave as enclosed.

Encl.
cc: KS

July 23, 1955

Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave,
Kentucky

Dear Sirs:

This confirms the arrangement you kindly made with Mr. Hugh Brimm of Louisville to reserve for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council eight double rooms the nights of August 16 and 17, 1955. We expect to assemble for dinner at 6:00 on the night of the 16th, and to be served with all meals through breakfast on the morning of the 18th.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: KS
CHP

June 23, 1955

KS:

In accordance with this arrangement about Mammoth Cave, will ~~you~~ be good enough to summon the Executive Committee to meet on the dates given?

GSM/eab

Encls.

June 23, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In conversation yesterday with Loescher, he impressed on us the importance of having our plans for next year in the hands of the Fund for the Republic earlier than I had anticipated. Accordingly, we have arranged for a meeting of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave beginning August 16th and continuing that evening, the following day, and through breakfast on August 18th.

Katherine Stoney will be getting out notices to members of the Executive Committee as early as practicable. But I want you to have advance notice so that you can plan to get there.

We are assured of pleasant arrangements at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1955

Mr. John G. Feild
Secretary
Board of Community Relations
565 North Erie Street
Toledo 2, Ohio

Dear John:

All right, and I will be there.

There is a morning flight from Cincinnati to Toledo, leaving Cincinnati at 7:45 and arriving Toledo airport 9:48. I will be on it.

Returning I leave Toledo at 4:38 p.m. and with a brief stop in Cincinnati get into Lexington, Kentucky, 8:17 p.m.

I will have to drive from Lexington to Cincinnati to catch that morning plane, but can manage that all right.

Thanks for making it possible.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1955

Mrs. Kenneth Parker,
RR 1,
La Grange, Illinois.

Dear Adele:

Delicious, delightful! Much hurried for the moment but I will write.

Do please tell the children that we are here. We live at 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., and there are four empty bedrooms in the house, and if they will come up here for the weekend we would love to have them. Best they call us ahead, the telephone is DEarborn 5961.

Will do our best to get down to Columbus soon.

I hope there will be some early chance to be fixum man again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1955.

Miss Marie D. Roberts
2501 N. W. 46th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Miss Roberts:

Thanks so much for your letter and dues for membership in the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I understand Frederick B. Routh will be writing you personaly.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Enc.

June 23, 1955.

Miss Lola Ann B. Evans
232 East Chapel Street
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Miss Evans:

I recall very well discussing your proposed project in a general way with Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton of our staff, who had been approached by Dr. Jones.

I am afraid that I am not familiar enough with the detailed considerations -that is time, scope and so on- of your project to advise you very helpfully by letter. If it is not too late when you return to Atlanta, I suggest that you come by for a chat. I would be more than happy to discuss the matter with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 24, 1955.

Mr. C. A. McKnight
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Pete:

In recent conversations with John Scanlon, I learnt that you and Don Shoemaker were considering showing by map the federal judicial districts in the South. Enclosed are proofs of the two color engraving we are using in the forthcoming New South. You will see that we simply shot in one color our earlier multicolor population map and we are superimposing the district lines in another color. If this will do you any good, you are welcome to the negative or the engravings themselves.

John also mentioned you planning to drum up subscriptions to Southern School News. As I told him, we want to help in every way we can in this effort.

Please give Don Shoemaker my best regards and tell him that I am hunting for an opportunity to get together with him one of these days- especially now that Roy Harris has branded SCRS in offshot of the SRC.

And as for you, I am postponing my regards until you reveal yourself as an honest working man devoid of mystery.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Enc.

June 24, 1955.

Miss Rhoda Kaufman
678 Park Drive
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rhoda:

For some years, the Southern Regional Council has served informally as an advisory and information center for foreign visitors travelling in the South. Many of them have been referred by such private and governmental agencies as the State Department, the Department of Labor, the Governmental Affairs Institute, the Association for World Travel Exchange, the Institute of International Education and the Public Administration Clearing House. Others are referred by individuals and organizations, within and without the South, who have occasion to advise the foreign visitors.

Generally, foreign visitors are served in one of two ways:

1) Interviews. Visitor talks, at greater or lesser length, with one or more staff members. Subject matter covered depends on his particular field of occupation and interest. Appropriate SRC materials are made available. Further contacts, if called for, are suggested or arranged.

2) Sponsorship. On request, the Council frequently acts as a visitor's principal sponsor while he is in the Atlanta area. This involves advance correspondence with respect to arrival, departure, accomodations, schedule, and the like. Appropriate appointments are made for the visitor in advance. While here, he is accorded as many of the normal "guest" courtesies as the staff can manage: hospitality of the home, meals, evening gatherings, and so on. (On occasion, such visitors are house guests of the executive director).

Regardless of their main occupational or civic specialty, virtually all of the foreign visitors who come South are avidly interested in the race relations of the region. Again and again, they tell us that this is of urgent importance to international understanding: that accurate understanding of Southern racial matters is urgently needed to offset Communist propaganda in their particular part of the world. Thus the Council is able to contribute to an informed insight into our racial problems and progress by leaders of opinion in critical nations of Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In addition to race relations, foreign visitors to the South are likely to be interested in such fields as state government, politics, economics, trade unionism, to name only the most common. The Council's staff can supply much of this information. When specialized information outside the Council's purview is required, of course the visitor is referred to an appropriate local source. This is facilitated by Atlanta's importance as a regional center.

I would estimate that the Council has something on the order of 50 such visits a year, counting group visits as one.

We see very clearly the need for staffed operations to coordinate this work on both the local and the regional level. It seems to us that a substantial amount of funds might be raised in the Atlanta area for the local function, whereas the regional function would probably have to be wholly or largely subsidized by major foundations grants. While the local effort might go forward fairly imminently, under the auspices perhaps of the World Affairs Council, the first step toward a regional operation might well be a survey of the present situation in the Southeast. Possible sources: local foundations and large contributors. the Institute of International Education, the Foreign Policy Association, the Ford Foundation, and other large foundations with a special interest in international affairs.

Enclosed is a list of names and addresses of those in attendance at the last Wednesday's meeting. Mary Kate Duskin called yesterday to say that she was forwarding to you her notes on the meeting.

I appreciate your assuming this coordinating responsibility.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Enc/

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING OF JUNE 22, 1955.

Mrs. Mary Kate Duskin	72 Edgewood Ave. YWCA	La. 3416
Mrs. George T. Douglas	72 Edgewood Ave. YWCA	La. 3416
Mrs. Henry Meyer	630 Darlington Circle N.E.	Ch. 0578
John A. Griffin	Emory University Georgia	De. 1621
Harold C. Fleming	Southern Regional Council	Wa. 7963
Clarence D. Colemon	Atlanta Urban League	Wa. 2155
George S. Mitchell	Southern Regional Council	Wa. 7963
J. Carson Pritchard	Carroll Service Council, Carrolton, Ga	Terrace 2-8057
John Constable	Southern Regional Council	Wa. 7963
Fred Routh	Southern Regional Council	Wa. 7963
Robert A. Thompson	Atlanta Urban League	Wa. 2355
Ann Queen	Friends Service Unit, Morehouse College	Wa. 1353
Johnny Glustrom	1860 Welbourne Ave. N. E., AVC	We. 8402
Mrs. E. M. Dunston	604 Ponce de Leon Place, Decatur	De. 8313
Rhoda Kaufman	678 Park Drive N. E.	Ve. 2022
Josephine Heyman	1271 Oxford Rd. N. E.	Dr. 3528
Helen M. Coulborn	Atlanta University	Ct. 6431, Ext. 2

June 27, 1955

Mr. M. C. Eulette, Attorney at Law
5529 South Halsted Street
Chicago 21, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eulette:

Your letter of June 16, 1955, regarding "Singers in the Dawn" has been referred to me. I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the latest printing of the publication.

Also, I am enclosing a copy of the publications list of the Southern Regional Council. Please let us know if any of the publications are of interest to you.

Price on "Singers in the Dawn" is ten cents (10¢).

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

June 27, 1955

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

In regard to your letter of June 24, 1955, requesting material, I am sending you material prepared by the North Carolina, the Kentucky, and the Louisiana affiliates of the Southern Regional Council. Since Miss Anna Holden is no longer with the council, your request was referred to me.

I am sending you a copy of the statement of policy and aims of the Southern Regional Council along with the other material. Also, I am returning your $1. The council does not charge for material of this kind.

I read your recent article in the Saturday Evening Post with interest and am glad to know that the Latin American magazine has seen fit to reprint it.

Thank you for the copy of the "opposition version" to your article. These people are working hard, but I hope it will be to little success.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

June 24, 1955.

Mr. Carson Pritchard
West Georgia College
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Carson:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to Rhoda Kaufman. It was excellent and straight to the point.

Enclosed is mine, lazily cribbed from earlier correspondance with Fox.

I will try to advance your suggestions in further efforts here.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Encs.

June 27, 1955.

Mr

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Dr. Mitchell being out of town for the week, I hasten to acknowledge with thanks the transcript of Ace Carter's broadcast. It is as vile as one might expect. I am having it copied here in the office and will return the original to you. When Dr. Mitchell gets back, we will check it with suitable SRC people and let you know what action, if any, seems called for.

Congratulations on the first issue of your newsletter-very informative and stimulating. I am very much interested in your handwritten note about Wadley's developments. We had a visit from the Negro congregational ministers who got involved over there, and Fred learned when he tried to reach you that you were already onto the problem. It sounds as though you made some real headway.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 27, 1955

Mr. Frank M. Murphy
Secretary to
Mr. J. David Stern
840 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Murphy:

We do not have in print a full-dress account of the Southern Regional Council's origins and activities, but I enclose several rather brief descriptive pieces and a copy of the U. S. Treasury letter establishing our tax-exemption. I am also sending separately various of our recent publications.

During the past year, we have made considerable headway in establishing staffed human relations councils in the twelve Southern states. Eleven of these have now employed professional staff and have begun active programs in their states.

It is difficult to meet the many needs in this field of activity during the current period of strain; our most immediate problem is funds for the salary and travel of persons who will provide further training for the new state staff personnel.

If further information would be helpful, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: The South of the Future
Tax-Exemption Letter
"The South Strikes at Inequality"

Under separate cover:
Changing Patterns
New South, Feb - May, '55
1954 audit
Race and Law Enforcement
Answers for Action
SRC Publications List

June 28, 1955.

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

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I would greatly appreciate if if you would write me what you know, or can readily find out, about fully inclusive ministerial associations in your state. Not all instances are clear-cut, of course; some groups will be partly integrated, some will be planning it, others will have committees that meet jointly, and so on. We would be as interested in these qualifications as in the open-and-shut cases.

I don't want to add an undue burden to your already heavy schedule, and I make this request on the assumption that you will not find it necessary to do more than check with one or two strategically situated persons in your state — for example, the president or executive director of the state council of churches. If it turns out to be a big, time-consuming project, let me know and we will consider other channels of information.

With best regards,

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Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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With best regards,

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Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
Room 420 Jackson Building
Cherry and 7th Sts.
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

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With best regards,

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Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Mr. Thomas Sutherland
309 West 21st St.
Austin, Texas

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Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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P. S. — According to the National Council directory, the staff person employed by the Texas Council of Churches is Mr. Harold Kilpatrick, 1110 Guadalupe St., Austin, Texas.

June 28, 1955.

Mr. John H. Marion
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road
Bon Air, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

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June 28, 1955.

Dr. Guy H. Wells
63, Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

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Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

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With best regards,

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HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director.

HCF/vc

June 28, 1955.

Miss Dorothy Mitchell
Administrative Assistant
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Dorothy:

Since I wrote you the other day the enclosed letter has come in from Goucher.

My natural inclination, of course, is simply to write him that we feel we can make good use of anything up to 3,000 copies, depending on availability. I have no way of knowing how many members of our affiliated state grpups are subscribers to Southern School News.

However, since I had taken up your kind offer to promote our interests, I thought I would exchange a fast communique with you before I answered Carroll's letter.

How is Scanlon's trip to Nashville? What is Pete McKnight going to do? Why does everything get so complicated?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Enc.

June 28, 1955.

Mr. Gordon F. Vars
1311 Clifton Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Vars:

Thank you for your inquiry about possible material for your summer school class on desegregation. Enclosed is a publications list and another descriptive leaflet.

I thought you might like to see copies of "Schools in the South" and "Changing Patterns", so I am sending a copy of each of them to you separately.

I shall look forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Encs.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . . .

To Harry Jones June 29, 1955.

Dear Harry:

I thought your statement re Bryant Bowles' visit was a good one, well calculated to appeal to civic pride.

Of course, I would yield to you and your lay leadership in estimating the stratégic value of such a statement, But at this distance anyway, it read mighty well. If anything more came of the Bowles' assault on Charlotte, I'd be glad to k now about it.

Regards.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
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June 29, 1955.

To: C. H. Parrish

Dear C. H.:

Here is a stab at a qualifying paragraph of the sort that might fit in fairly early in your article. You will see what I am trying to get at. It really adds nothing new but makes one of your points in such a way, I hope, as to minimize the likelihood of misunderstanding and misuse of the article. I am by no means offering it as an insert but simply as a suggestion toward meeting the problem.

How soon can you give us a green light on the article? If possible, I'd like to use it in the July issue. Please advise.

I hope all goes well at the Institute.

June 29, 1955.

Mr. Seymour Samet
The American Jewish Commit tee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

George appreciated your letter of June17 bringing us up to date on the repudiation of Ellis Rubin. As you probably know, there is some confusion about the name New South, Paul Crouch having claimed that a paper by that name was published by the Communists during the thirties. We have never seen a copy of it, and never heard of it, until the last few years. But the confusion is exploited by the smear specialists.

I accept full blame for our failure to answer your inquiry about Georgia plans for the White House Conference. As you probably know from the literature, Georgia is planning two segregated state conferences, tentative date August 20, the white one to be at the University of Georgia and the Negro one to be at Fort Valley State College. The whole affair is headed by George P. Whitman Jr., chairman of the state Board of Education and a Talmadge man to his toes. In view of this "leadership", we are way out of communications with those who are doing the planning. I discussed this with Morris, and he feels as I do that any involvement of AJC people would have to take place through very conservative channels.

It is true as George Mitchell said, that Grace Hamilton of our staff had been following White House Conference developments fairly closely (she has been away for the last month.) But she has been concerned mainly with its racial aspects and opportunities that might be realized at the nationwide conference in Washington.

Sorry we can't be of some help, but we will be in touch with Morris and will work with him on it in anyway that we can.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

June 30, 1955

Mrs. Margaret L. Washington
2367 East Myrtle Street
Stockton, California

Dear Mrs. Washington:

Your letter of June 27, 1955, regarding information on desegregation in the public schools has been referred to me. It is difficult to send you specific material without first knowing a little more in detail the aspect of your proposed article. I am sending you, under separate cover, some material that may be helpful to you.

I am mailing the pamphlet "Question and Answers, The Schools and the Courts," which you mention in your letter. Price of the pamphlet is fifteen cents (15¢), payable in coin or stamps.

Also, I am mailing you a copy of a bibliography on the subject prepared by a member of our staff. Included in the mailing is a copy of our publications list. Under the heading, public education, you may be able to find something of interest. Then, too, our latest issue of "New South" contains an analysis of the May 31, 1955, Supreme Court ruling and an article on positive reaction to the ruling (that is, school boards who are planning ways of compliance). Current copies of "New South" sell for twenty cents (20¢).

Please write me if you are at all interested in additional material.

Thank you for your letter. I hope we can be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

July 1, 1955

George M. Trautman, President
The National Association of Baseball Leagues
720 East Broad Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Trautman:

Enclosed is the June issue of "New South." In New South notes on the inside front cover, we quote from your recent letter concerning the article, "Democracy on the Diamond."

We appreciated your remarks concerning Negro players.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

July 1, 1955.

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:

It was good being with you yesterday, despite the handicap of sleeplessness. I will look forward to getting your draft memo and will pass along any helpful suggestions I can pick up from our staff and others who might be discreetly consulted.

The expenses which I met were:

Plane fare (Abram & Fleming) --	$ 129.26
Taxi from National Airport --	2.85
Total	$ 132.11

I've added your name to our mailing list and, for background, am sending you several recent things.

Jane sends her best to you and your wife, and both of us wish you two a speedy (but not too speedy) delivery.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

P. S. - Enclosed is a copy of the article by John T. Fey.

HCF/vc
Enc.

July 1, 1955.

Mr. Wladimir Borowski
1934 Florence St.
Detroit 3, Michigan

Dear Mr. Borowski:

In Dr. Mitchell's absence from the office, your letter of June 27 has come to my attention.

We have a great deal of material in print on race relations, more particularly race relations in the South.

Enclosed is a complete publications list. If you will let us know which publications will be most helpful to you, we should be glad to send them. Meanwhile, I enclose a copy of the latest issue of our publication New South.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Encs. 2

July 1, 1955.

Mr. Vic Reinemer
Office of Senator Murrey
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Vic:

On my return, I discovered that the Wadley, Alabama, incident had been amply publicized, including Bob Hughes' role in it. Enclosed is a copy of a newspaper story which you might want to draw on.

Also enclosed as of possible interest is the latest issue of our publication New South.

I enjoyed our brief encounter yesterday and only wish it might have been under less harried circumstances.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

P. S. So that you may know what else we have in print, I am enclosing a publications list.

HCF/vc
Encls. 3

July 1, 1955.

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Editorial Director
P. O. Box 2509
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

George Mitchell being out of the office, I am sending you such information as we have on the question of miscegenation. As far as I know, there has been no full dress study of this question which has produced fully documented conclusions, but a number of social scientists have dealt with it to some extent, and their conclusions are pretty well summarized in the enclosed excerpts from "Racial and Cultural Minorities" by George E. Simpson and J. Milton Yinger (Harpers, 1953).

In this connection, Simpson and Yinger cite in addition to Myrdal E. F. Frazier's "The Negro Family in the United States; Otto Klineberg's "Characteristics of the American Negro"; Hortense Powdermaker's "After Freedom"; M. L. Barron's "People who intermarry".

I don't think there is any question that your statement is correct. Every informed person I have talked to has reached the same conclusions.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

RACIAL AND CULTURAL MINORITIES by George Eaton Simpson & J. Milton Yinger

Chapter 17: Intermarriage: Interracial, Interfaith, and Internationality.

(Page 489)

Powdermaker notes some changes in the circumstances of interracial sex relations, including the fact that the Negro woman to day is in a position to refuse the advances of a white man. This writer also mentions that currently most of the white man in interracial sexual relationships are middle-aged, and that popular sentimemtagainst Negro-white cohabitation is increasing in both groups. Her explanation of these changes in attitude is in (1) the increasing irregularity of intrawhite relationships and (2) increasing race pride and demand for respect on the part of Negroes.

(Page 495-496)

The Negro-white intermarriage rates in New York City, New York State, Boston and Los Angeles have been from 1 to 5 percent of all marriages in which Negroes participated; These intermarriages appear to be declining. (*)

Perhaps the fullest data on Negro-white intermarriages in the United States are forBoston. Stone found that there were 143 such intermarriages for the period 1900-1904, or an average of 28.6 per year. The rate per 100 Negro marriages was 13.6 Data secured from the Boston Registry Department by Wirth and Goldhamer for the period 1914-1938 are given in the accompanying table.

(*) According to Ebony (December, 1949, pp. 20-21), the Chicago marriage license bureau reported a record number of 200 Negro-white marriages in 1948. If this is correct, it represents the highest known number of Negro-white intermarriages for any city in the United States. No data on intermarriage rates or trends are available for Chicago. M. L. Barron, People who Intermarry, Syracuse University Press, 1948, p. 189.

Number of Negro-white Marriages and Percent Negro- White Marriages of All Marriages Involving Negroes and of All Marriages Involving Whites

Boston, 1914-38

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Year	Number of Negro-White Marriages	Percent Negro-White Marriages of All Marriages Involving Negroes	Percent Negro-White Marriages of All Marriages Involving Whites
1914-1918	89	5.2	.18
1919-1923	47	3.1	.10
1924-1928	53	3.6	.12
1929-1933	40	3.6	.11
1934-1938	47	3.7	.12
Total	276	3.9	.13

The considerable decrease in Negro-white intermarriage in Boston cannot be explained by the hypothesis that the smaller the proportion of a minority race in the total population the higher will be the rate of intermarriage. The percentage of the Negro population in Boston was practically constant from 1900 to 1920 (1900, 2.1; 1910, 2.0; 1915, 2.1; 1920, 2.2). It was not markedly higher in 1930, (2.6). Wirth and Goldhamer attribute this decline mainly to two factors: first, though Boston was at one time a center of abolitionist agitation and was known for cordial relations between the races, it was not to be expected that this situation could continue with the coming of a new population from Europe; and second, the migration of Negroes to the North during World War 1 years brought southern Negroes whose economic and cultural status was unfavorable to interracial marriage.

The Boston rate of Negro-white marriages in all Negro marriages in the period 1914-1938 was 3.9 as compared with 3.4 for New York urban areas exclusive of New

York City in 1919-1937. The Boston rate changed little after 1919, while the New York rate, with the exception of period 1922-24, dropped steadily. Whereas the former rate of intermarriage in Boston was unique, the present Boston rate does not seem to be atypical.

July 5, 1955

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
Room 420 Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I met last night at Fisk a young Vanderbilt graduate student named Tim McDonald. He said that an excellent young man teaching at Vanderbilt is named Dewey W. Grantham. Grantham will be at Harvard for the school year 1955-56, but after then will be back at Vanderbilt. He should be asked to join your Council.

Most kind of you to take me to the train last night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 5, 1955

FBR:

Will you authoritatively list for me the states which have had personnel changes since we last obtained loyalty certificates, in order that I might write to those state chairmen and obtain the required fresh certificates for the incoming personnel?

eab/

July 5, 1955.

Dr. Elinor Pancoast
Chairman of the Economics Department
Goucher College
Towson, Baltimore 4, Maryland

Dear Dr. Pancoast:

Mr. Richard S. Carroll wrote me a short time ago that you would have under consideration our request for copies of the report on desegregation in the Baltimore schools.

Unfortunately, I have no way of knowing how much our mailing list may overlap with that of the Southern School News. However, we have in each of 12 southern states an affiliated organization with full time staff, and our plan would be to make copies available to them for strategic distribution in their states.

I quite understand your problem of allocating most effectively a limited supply of the report. We shall be most grateful for any that you may be able to spare between 1 and 3,000.

Please accept our congratulations for the outstanding contribution to the information available in this field.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HDF/vc

July 5, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Here is the address list of those who were present at the Kentucky A. F. of L. Labor School in June, 1955.

About two-thirds of these were in my classes. Those who were not in the classes were either union officials or former students doing advanced work. The Indonesians and the one man from the Gold Coast would be poor prospects of course as new members. So, perhaps, would those from across the line in Indiana. But the rest of them I think, if sent literature about the Kentucky Council, would consider joining it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl.
GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

July 5, 1955.

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HDF/vc

July 5, 1955.

Rev. Joseph Frankel
128 - 12th Avenue NO.
Seattle 2, Washington

Dear Mr. Frankel:

Dr. Mitchell, who has been out of the office a good deal, has asked me to acknowledge your good letter of June 28 and to send you the enclosed copy of his speech before the National Conference of Social Work.

I think you might also be interested in the list of the Council's various publications, also enclosed.

We are interested to learn of your study of faculty integration in Seattle. If it is published, we hope you will send us a copy.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
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July 5, 1955.

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Our heartiest thanks to the A.J.C. for the 50 copies of Morroe Berger's "Equality by Statute".

We will distribute them to a carefully selected list this week, and I am sure they will do a lot of good, particularly in view of the timing.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 6, 1955

Miss Lauradine Baker
Lafayette,
Georgia

Dear Miss Baker:

Thank you for asking me to come over for the meeting of the Georgia Religious Association to speak on Tuesday evening, October 18, 1955.

You may count on my being there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 6, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

I have to get SRC's Executive Committee together before I can put in anything approaching final form a letter of request for next year. And the earliest I could arrange to get them together is August 16th, 17th, and 18th. Indeed, that date has been set and the Committee has been summoned.

Do you think I could get our grant request in to you as late as August 20th and still meet your deadline?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 6, 1955 July 6, 1955

KS:

In a letter from Marion Wright, June 27th, he says, "The idea of a Mammoth Cave meeting appeals to me very strongly. Deus volens I shall be there."

eab/

July 6, 1955

Dictated July 5

Mr. John S. Wood
Associate Executive Secretary
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wood:

Very kind of you to write and to send my earlier letter on to Bill Vastine. I am glad to know what he is doing and where, and I will be writing later on.

The church people of the South have a graver responsibility now than ever before, and I see a great many encouraging signs that they will take it up and will see it through.

I do hope that you and I will have opportunities to work together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:
New South - October '54
Feb.'55-June '55
Changing Patterns
News Release - May 31, '55
Grey leaflet
Answers for Action

Dictated July 5 July 6, 1955

The Honorable Luther Hodges
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Governor Hodges:

My good friend, Mr. R. D. Wellons at Pembroke State College, tells me that we should make you familiar with the Southern Regional Council and its publications.

Our Council goes back to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which began in the South in 1919. The North Carolina Committee on Interracial Cooperation had a long and honorable career. Governor after governor in your great state carried informal friendship with the Committee, and in many awkward situations the North Carolina Committee was helpful in achieving adjustment and sustaining and continued progress in the North Carolina spirit. Indeed, I have heard wise heads in your state say that it was in North Carolina that there was born the tradition that a Southern governor has an extra-constitutional role as safeguarder of the rights and opportunities of the Negro people.

Our Council and our friends in North Carolina are no less concerned for the well-being of white citizens also, but we have cherished these many years a confidence in the office of governor in North Carolina to deal in a spirit wise and humane.

Surely you are too busy to dig much into pamphlet literature. But I send you separately some recent issues of our magazine, New South, and other things which if they could have your attention, or that of someone near to you, would doubtless prove valuable.

Our friends presently in the state are organized as the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, with Mr. Wellons as the Chairman and with Harry S. Jones at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, as the Executive Director.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. R. D. Wellons
Mr. Harry S. Jones

July 6, 1955.

Mr. W. D. Workman, Jr.
Churchill Circle
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Workman:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter of July 1, inquiring about the aims and operations of the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is a leaflet briefly describing the Council's organization and work. Also enclosed is a copy of the announcement of the Fund for the Republic's grant to the Council in April 1954. As you will see, the main purpose of the grant was to enable us to assist organizations in 12 southern states to employ professional staff and carry on full-time programs in the field of human relations.

The South Carolina Council, one of the twelve, has employed Mrs. Alice Spearman, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, as executive director and , I understand, is now considering the employment of an associate director. For the period September 1954 to September 1955, we are providing the South Carolina group with assistance amounting to about $ 10,000. We hope to be able to provide further assistance on a diminishing scale for two more years, after which it is prayerfully anticipated that the state organizations will be self-supporting.

There is a current disposition in some quarters to confuse the Southern Regional Council with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Actually, the two organizations had quite different origins and approaches. The SCHW was organized about 1938. It operated with a great deal of fanfare and, I believe, engaged freely in political activity. I won't try to retail the history of the SCHW, since that is probably available to you from other sources. It formally dissolved, as I recall, in 1949, though it had been inactive for several years prior to that. The Southern Conference Educational Fund is the successor in fact to the SCHW, having been initially established as the tax exempt wing of the Conference.

The Southern Regional Council, on the other hand, was formed in 1944 as a direct successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The incorporators were Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Methodist Church, Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University and Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University. The Council grew out of a tradition of quiet and sober work in the field of race relations, in which church people had played a major part since World War I. It has always been wholly non-political in its appreach, It is difficult in a moderately brief letter to distinguish the Council's philosophy and mode of operation from those of other organizations. The difference is largely one of tone and temperament.

In essence, the Council's approach rests on the belief that every Southern state and most Southern communities have people of both races who can work together as equals. Through their efforts, we believe the South can adjust to the legal changes now required and ultimately achieve a society in which racial distinctions will be eliminated from public life. We see our role as that of encouraging and assisting with information and professional services the people who feel this way. We see little point in denouncing those who feel otherwise, but believe that in time many of them will come to share our views. We belive it is a mistake to underestimate the resistance to changes in the racial pattern or the problems that such changes may bring. On the other hand, in our experience, the positive ressources of the South are the ones that are most commonly underestimated.

As of possible interest, I am enclosing the list of our publications, and I will be glad to put you on the mailing list for our publication New South if you do not already receive it.

Let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Encls. 3

July 7, 1955

Mr. Abner Nash Locklear
Maxton,
North Carolina

Dear Abner:

That was mighty kind of you.

Some day you will see my rabbit ears wiggling in your front yard.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1955

Mr. Paul P. Cooke
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

When the dust dies down, do dig up my expense account and send it along. And I believe you planned to put with it a $50.00 honorarium.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1955

Southeastern Region NFCCS
Post Office Box 694
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

I noticed from the June issue that this starts your eighth year.

The warmest praise I can give for the courage and devotion and information and good things that go into the leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1955

Dictated July 6, 1955

Rabbi and Mrs. Maurice Davis
130 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Davis:

You were mighty kind to Alice and me.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

Marion Wright wanted to be sure that formal approval by the Personnel sub-Committee of the Executive Committee be on record as to the matter of bringing in C. H. Parrish full-time for June and July, and the proposal for arranging for assignment of Irene Osborne from the American Friends Service Committee to SRC for six months beginning this Autumn.

Mr. Parrish is so well known to us all as to seem to me not to need biographical documentation. He is, of course, in any case approved long ago as Assistant Director, and our action taken in late May, with advance verbal clearance from the Personnel sub-Committee, merely brought him in for the two months of full-time duty.

As to Irene Osborne's upbringing and experience, until the last three years or so we are none of us well informed. Her home is Ohio. She has taught school thereabouts. She developed a special skill in community relations work and the American Friends Service Committee sent her to Washington to be in charge of a special community relations project there, beginning nearly four years ago. She and an associate, Miss Alma Spurlock, made an exhaustive study of the school system in the District of Columbia, and in a long series of conferences and interviews knit together the various forces in the District of Columbia having an interest in the desegregation of the schools. They prepared a monthly bulletin which was extremely useful in readying the public and school officials in the District for desegregation. The enclosed two pamphlets are almost entirely her work.

I would judge that Miss Osborne is about 38.

It will be recalled that the arrangement proposed is that the Southern Regional Council shall provide Miss Osborne's salary for a full year, by payment directly to the American Friends Service Committee, and that Miss Osborne shall be on loan to the Southern Regional Council for the first six months of the coming AFSC fiscal year, which begins October 1st. We would cover her travel during the period of assignment to us, and AFSC would cover her travel during the period of her assignment to them. She would be available to us, her other travel commitments [illegible] before, and/or after, the six months of direct assignment.

As we were taking over on loan an established employee of the American Friends Service Committee, I have not collected what would in ordinary course be adduced as a full curriculum vitae.

Unless I hear to the contrary, I will assume that this confirmation of our previous verbal discussion and approval is satisfactory to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Encl: "The Right of Every Child"

July 7, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We are daily expecting word from the Friends Service Committee that Irene Osborne is to be on loan to the Southern Regional Council from October 1, 1955, for a six month period.

Meanwhile, if the Arkansas Council on Human Relations wants her services, you had better write to Richard Bennett, American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and try to get her down directly to Arkansas.

The ordinary arrangement would be, I suppose, for the Arkansas Council to pay her travel to Arkansas and back, and some modest per diem while she would be in the state. If you succeed in getting her, I will try to help Arkansas somewhat with the travel cost involved, but I can't be at all sure that the funds can be found here.

Of course if you wait until after October 1st, I think you could almost certainly get her free. But I can see why you need her now.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: KS

July 7, 1955

Mr. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

I don't know whether you will remember it or not, but at the Board meeting of the Southern Regional Council in 1954 there was an action requiring that evidence be adduced as to the loyalty of the personnel employed in the Atlanta office and in state offices assisted by SRC. Procedurally, through the Executive Committee, this worked out as a request to each state chairman to sign for the personnel in the employ of his state office. A similar arrangement is in effect in this office.

All of this went over the dam before Virginia was organized with staff, but I have no alternative but to follow through with the instructions laid upon me.

So, if you will be so good as to return certification for Jack Marion and Mr. Cooper we will be grateful for that evidence in completing our records.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

July 7, 1955

The Right Reverend Monsignor Brunini
Post Office Box 57
Jackson , Mississippi

Dear Monsignor Brunini:

I believe you are very kindly serving as chairman of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

The office in Jackson we are told has a new secretary, and there would be a matter of executing an arrangement on loyalty certificates for her. The Board of the Council, at their November, 1954 meeting, placed a responsibility, through the Executive Committee, requiring evidence of the loyalty of all personnel in the central office and in the state offices assisted by SRC. Rabbi Mantinband long since filled out the certificate for Mrs. Lyells.

If you would be good enough to fill out the enclosed one for the new secretary, it would assist us in having complete files on the matter.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

July 7, 1955

Mr. Haskell Miller
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council last year made a requirement that all personnel employed in the central and state offices have adduced for them some evidence of loyalty. The Executive Committee, in working out the procedure, asked that state chairmen testify as to the loyalty of all personnel directly employed in the state programs.

So, if you will be so good as to send in appropriate certification for Mr. Hughes, we will be grateful.

I am not yet instructed as to whether your consultants should be in this way covered, and propose no action until that matter can be settled.

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Hughes at Nashville the other day. I think you made a good selection.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

July 7, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in November, 1954, the requirement was made that as to all personnel employed in the Atlanta office and in state programs assisted by SRC, evidence be adduced as to loyalty. Procedurally, this worked out as a certificate by the chairman of each state organization establishing, in his judgment, the loyalty of all personnel employed in a state group.

Your predecessor very kindly executed such a statement covering Mrs. Spearman.

Now there is the matter of completing the files by executing one for the new secretary. If you will be so kind as to do that and return the statement to me, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

July 7, 1955

Mr. W. H. Perry
2230 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

The 1954 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council imposed a requirement that evidence be adduced as to the loyalty of all personnel employed in the Atlanta office of SRC, and in state programs assisted by SRC.

For Mrs. Dagen and Mrs. Stanley the required certificates were placed on file in this office.

We would be grateful for your kindness in executing the enclosed certificate for Mr. Brimm and any other personnel employed directly in the Kentucky office.

I am without instructions as to whether the Board and the Executive Committee wish this requirement to extend to consultants. When that becomes clarified, I will write you further on the matter if need be.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: KS

July 7, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The 1954 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council imposed a requirement that evidence be adduced as to the loyalty of all personnel employed in the Atlanta office of SRC, and in state programs assisted by SRC.

Procedurally, this worked out as a rule that state chairmen are asked to execute the enclosed certificate for personnel in the employ of their organizations. A similar arrangement is in use in this office.

For Mr. Hughes and Mr. Pierce certificates are on file over here. But the office does have a new secretary, and I would be most grateful for your aid in helping us complete the file by filling out a certificate on the new young lady and sending it on back to me.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
cc: KS

July 7, 1955

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

We were all delighted with the front porch meeting. Those who were there were much strengthened in their present resolves by hearing of the difficulties and the acts of courage that had gone before.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1955

FBR:

Please review the action of the Board and Executive Committee re loyalty certificates, and advise me whether in your judgment the language of the resolutions involved requires coverage of consultants, as in Kentucky and Tennessee, by the certificate.

eab/

July 7, 1955

HCF:

George Mitchell, July 7th, saw Seymour Samet. Seymour Samet says to tell Harold to ask Morris Abram, in Morris Abram's capacity as head of AJC, to please make available to SRC 50 copies of the Berger book.

HCF had asked AJC sho''nuff in New York to send book, but skilly-daddle says best for SRC if local chapter gets, on skilly-daddle arrangings.

eab/

July 7, 1955

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

This matter should be notified to you, and I now do so.

Various people say the station or the broadcaster should be sued. My own disposition would be a strong letter setting them right -- that and no more.

But, do read it and ponder it, and you and I will discuss it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Encl. transcript of radio Broadcast
station W.I.L.D., Montgomery, Ala.

July 8, 1955.

Mrs. David D. Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro North Carolina

Dear Susie:

It was just a year ago that I spent a most pleasant week-end as your guest at Bennet. During the time since, I have known something of the tremendous pressures under which you have labored because of David's critical Illness. On the occasion of two visits to Washington within the past two months, I have gotten the news of you from Frances.

This morning in a telephone conversation with Miss Player I did not, for some unknown reason, think to inquire about David's present condition. I hope he is on the way to complete recovery. You will understand without my writing it that my sympathies as well as my prayers are with you in this period of trial.

I hope that before the summer is over I will be close enough to Greensboro to pay my personal respects. Say hello to David for me.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish

CHP/vc

July 11, 1955

Mr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

The Institute did a richly rewarding service for our staff people, and we are all extremely grateful to you to and Fisk for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 11, 1955

Mr. Charles J. Kirschner, Sr.
Director of Summer Sessions
University of Toledo
Toledo 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kirshhner:

I am extremely grateful for your check for $100, and for kind words about my appearance at Toledo the other day. You were all most courteous to me and I greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 11, 1955

Miss Marguerite Hawkins
Assistant Treasurer
Home Department
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Hawkins:

I cannot tell you how grateful we are for the Woman's Division's check for $1200, which came today.

Nothing strengthens our resolve to do our best as much as the help of the Methodists.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt

July 11, 1955

Miss Lucile Gustafson
West Main Street
Batavia, Illinois

Dear Miss Gustafson:

How very kind that was of you to write. Nothing is as nice as praise for our maggie.

Your subscription to New South is duly renewed, and Changing Patterns is on its way to you.

I will be at New York University the next three days, and hope I shall see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 11, 1955

Mr. Miller A. F. Ritchie
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

We hope Changing Patterns will catch on for text use. Anything you can do to further that will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 11, 1955

Mr. John G. Feild
Secretary
Board of Community Relations
565 North Erie Street
Toledo 2, Ohio

Dear John:

I had a delightful time, and I am grateful to you and Mrs. Feild and the University of Toledo and the Board of Community Relations, and all of your joint friends. The Treasurer sent his check today. We are extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 11, 1955

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the United States
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

This confirms my telephone conversation this morning that because of the excessive distance of my engagement for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of August (I had thought it would be New York, but they made it Kansas City), I just don't see how I can physically get to Montreat in time to be of any service to you on the 5th. I am distressed not to have this opportunity to be with your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

July 11, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Carl Hefter
Munchen 9
Wieskirchstr. 1
Germany

Dear Carl:

I had a note today from the Scholarship Committee at Emory University that said that they had found next year's allotment fully committed, and that most regretfully they would not be able to provide a scholarship for Peter in the Fall of 1955. That does not close out the following year as a possibility.

Meanwhile, I will try another channel for something else, and will let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 11, 1955

Mr. Kendall Weisiger
308 Palmer Building
Atlanta , Georgia

Dear Mr. Weisiger:

This, I think, is a good kid. His father was here two years ago and stayed some weeks with the Mitchells. Can you think of any possibility for getting the boy to the States next Fall?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence
Encl - corres. re Peter Hefter

July 11, 1955

Mr. Herbert C. Nelson
Attorney-at-Law
24 Ardmore Avenue
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Mr. Donald L. Hollowell of Atlanta has begun a course of inquiry at Statesboro in the matter of Mr. Clifford Jenkins. You may supply names on this to Mr. Hollowell at 859½ Hunter Street, S. W. If this arrangement does not succeed, we will interest ourselves actively in it and try to supplement what Mr. Hollowell undertakes.

We appreciate your writing us, and wish to be helpful in just such matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 11, 1955

Mrs. Margaret L. Washington
2367 East Myrtle Street
Stockton, California

Dear Mrs. Washington:

Thank you for your letter of July 8, 1955. I trust that you have received the material sent earlier.

I do not believe that a copy of the New South of June was mailed to you so I am enclosing a copy in this letter. You have sent remittance for the copy. I shall keep your letter on my desk for a few days as we anticipate a possible addition to the positive reaction to the Supreme Court ruling. If so, I shall mail you a copy as soon as the article is off the press.

You also may be interested in a pamphlet "Answers for Action," which I am mailing you under separate cover.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

July 11, 1955

Miss Louise Goodloe
Young Women's Christian Association
401 North Carancahua
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Miss Goodloe:

We are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of "Answers for Action." The map attached to the inside back cover should contain the information you requested.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

July 11, 1955

Mr. Thomas T. Hammond
Piedmont Farm
RFD 3
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hammond:

It has taken a good while to get the Virginia group going I must admit, but they have got off to a sound start.

A Board was constructed, composed of the following:

Mrs. Theodore F. Adams
Dr. Belle Boone Beard
The Hon. Armistead Boothe
Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Mr. Wm. M. Cooper
Mrs. Henry W. Decker
Mr. Roland D. Ealey
Dr. J. M. Ellison
Mr. Emanual Emroch
Very Rev. Msgr. Flaherty
Miss Susie Peach Foster
Rev. Ralph M. Galt
Miss Margaret Garrity
Miss Rachel Henderlite
Dr. E. B. Henderson
Dr. Thomas M. Henderson
Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Hodges
Mrs. Louis I. Jaffe
Mrs. Lawrence T. King
Rt. Rev. Wm. H. Marmion
Mr. M. C. Martin
Dr. J. Earl Moreland
Dr. J. Kenneth Moreland
Dr. Harry T. Penn
Dr. John G. Pollard, Jr.
Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Dr. C. Waldo Scott, M.D.
Mrs. Grellet C. Simpson
Mr. Gerald C. Speidel
Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker
Mr. James B. Woodson
Mr. Thomas W. Young
Mrs. Arnold Zetlin

There may have been one or two additions since this list reached us.

The Virginia Council on Human Relations employed, effective July 1st, Mr. John H. Marion as Executive Director, and Mr. William Cooper of Hampton Institute as Associate Executive Director. An office is being opened in Richmond. Wilson Brown is serving as Treasurer. We have sent them a goodish check, and they are in position to get going, though I do not as yet know a Richmond address for the office.

We are much pleased with the caliber of the people on the Board and on the staff, and think that Virginia has a representative and effective organization. I do hope they will have your support.

For the time being you can reach Jack Marion by addressing him at the Bon Air Presbyterian Church, Buford Road, Bon Air, Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 11, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

If you would be good enough, on the basis of these more formal documents, to indicate your views of Mrs. Smith as Treasurer, I would be glad to have that for the record.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

July 11, 1955

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

I am glad we get so close to agreement on Irene Osborne, and hope in this letter that it can be locked. She would be on loan to the Southern Regional Council from the American Friends Service Committee for six months forward from October 1, 1955.

We would, in agreement with her, direct her travel during that six months and bear the expense of her travel during that six months. She would be entitled to a per diem of $3.00 for each day spent in the Atlanta office; a concession made in view of the fact that her assignment is short-ranged and she would have no regular place of residence in Atlanta. In addition, we would expect to cover up to three trips for her, during her six months of loan to SRC, to the Philadelphia area. For our own budgetary purposes, we are calculating these trips as not costing SRC much in excess of $100 per trip.

We agree to put up Irene Osborne's salary of $5,000 plus social security from the period of October 1, 1955, forward, and to be prepared to send the money on demand. I regret that we will not be able to cover the nine per cent pension item from the American Friends Service Committee.

If this arrangement is satisfactory, please let us know and we will consider that Irene Osborne will be available to us from October 1, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Miss Stoney
Mr. Clement
Mr. Wright

July 11, 1955

Mr. Robert R. Leeper
Editor
Educational Leadership
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leeper:

Quite all right, and I will undertake the article for Educational Leadership. But I could not get it to you before September 10. I am tied up with engagements this Summer that take me out for weeks at a time, and simply couldn't do it. If September 1st is a firm deadline, I would have to be dropped, but if September 10th is all right I will do it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 12, 1955.

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for the remarkable editorial from the Florence Morning News. We plan to reproduce it in the next issue of New South.

I have written today to Mrs. Spearman requesting her views on the best way to give the editorial wider distribution within South Carolina. I will let you know what is done.

I agree whole heartedly with your suggestion that we give recognition to the individual behind bold community action. As you know that may not always be possible, since the origins of such communities actions are frequently obscure, often deliberately so. However, we will be alert to every opportunity to accord credit for individual initiative and courage.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 12, 1955.

Professor Gladyce H. Bradley
Morgan State College
Baltimore 12, Maryland

Dear Prof. Bradley:

You have our permission to reproduce any or all of the text of our publication Answers for Action, Schools In the South.

When your volume is published, we should greatly appreciate a copy.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 12, 1955

M. C. Eulette
5529 South Halsted Street
Chicago 21, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eulette:

Thank you for your letter of July 11, 1955, and your generous order. The materials are being mailed to you under separate cover.

I did enjoy your remarks very much and am encouraged to know that good work and deeds are being effected by individuals such as you. I wonder if you know of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations with offices there in Chicago. If not, perhaps you may be interested in contacting them. The address is 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Miss Helen E. Amerman is the informational representative and you may reach her by telephone at FInancial 6-2000.

Also, you may be interested in a recent book, "Forbidden Neighbors," by Charles Abrams. It deals with the race question in housing.

We at the Council are especially pleased to receive your subscription to New South. Enclosed is your receipt. Please let us know your reaction to the publication from time to time.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

July 12, 1955.

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

As to the several matters raised by your recent letter:

(1) We will be glad to have you use copies of Mr. Wright's statement on the Supreme Court May 31st ruling. As you may have noted, it was printed on page 5 of the June issue of New South. If you prefer to distribute it separately, you may mimeograph it or we will mimeograph the required number of copies at cost. I take it that the statement will have been available to all members of the South Carolina Council through New South.

(2) There is a directory of foundations published, I believe, by the Russell Sage Foundation. I will track down further particulars and let you know.

(3) Marion Wright sent us a copy of the enclosed editorial from the Florence Morning News with the strong recommendation that it be reprinted in New South and the further suggestion that the South Carolina Council might reproduce and distribute "a few thousand copies" within the state. We are planning to reprint it in New South. Please write me your reaction to Mr. Wright's second suggestion.

(4) We do not have copies of a comprehensive answer to the various charges made against the Southern Regional Council. I hope eventually to develop a full scale treatment of the subject for the information and guidance of the state organizations.

Meanwhile, I enclose a memorandum ~~proposed~~ prepared for the confidential use of a newspaper friend of ours. If it does not meet your immediate needs, I will get up any additional information you wish.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vd

Encs.

P.S. Thank you very much for the copies of the student statement at Junaluska and the article on Adult Education and Desegregation. They are both of great interest.

July 12, 1955.

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Staff
From: Harold C. Fleming
Re: Attacks on S.R.C.

Unfounded charges against the Southern Regional Council are a recurring nuisance. The source is an inflammatory political paper published by Roy V. Harris, whom you may remember as an intemperate and now largely discredited politician of Augusta, Georgia. His attacks on the SRC have been ignored by the reputable newspapers and other media.

In refuting such allegations, it is always difficult to know how much detail to supply, I hopw this letter and the attached material aren't too burdensomely complete for your purposes. On the other hand, if more elaboration would be helpful, I will be glad to supply it.

As to the charges commonly made:

(1) The SRC is not the successor -- de facto, or otherwise-- of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, The SCHW was organized in 1938 and survived until about 1949; the SRC was organized in 1944. As one might expect from this timing, and from their differing approaches to the problems of the South, the two organizations were widely regarded as rival agencies. That some members of the SRC's staff and board at one time participated in the Southern Conference is true. At its inception,

the Conference attracted the cream of the South's liberal leadership; it was after these persons had become disillusioned and withdrew from the Conference that it acquired its dubious reputation. The attached copy of an editorial from the Atlanta Constitution helps clarify this history; the editorial was written by Ralph McGill, who was one of the incorporators of the SRC and is a continuing supporter of its work. Also attached are copies of letters from three of the founders of the SRC, written at a time when the same baseless charges were being clandestinely used against Morris Abram, an SRC board member who was then seeking office.

(2) In view of the facts cited above, the history of the SCHW is irrelevant; however, it might be noted in passing that the evidence of communist penetration of the Southern Conference, even its latter shages, was not sufficient to warrant its inclusion on the U.S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

(3) The organizers of theSouthern Regional Council were Southerners of considerable distinction whose patriotism has never been seriously questioned. A mere listing of their manes and identifications should be sufficient to expose this charge for what it is. The organizing meeting of the SRC was held in response to a call issued by the following persons:

C.H. Gillman, Georgia Director, C.I.O
George L. Googe, Southern Director, A.F.L.
M. Ashby Jones, Baptist minister
Ryland Knight, Baptist minister
Rabbi David Marx, The Temple, Atlanta
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, The Methodist Church
Ralph McGill, Editor, the Atlanta Constitution
Stuart R. Oglesby, Presbyterian minister
Rt. Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Catholic Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta
Dean S. Paden, President, King Hardware Company
J. McDowell Richards, President, Columbia Theological Seminary
Bishop John Moore Walker, The Protestant Episcopal Church
Goodrich C. White, President , Emory University.

Following the deliberations of this group and a subsequent conference with Negro leaders, the SRC war chartered, the incorporators being Bishop J. Moore, Ralph McGill, President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University, President Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, and the late Dr. Howard W. Odum, professor of

sociology at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Odum served as the first president of the organization, 1944-1946.

(4) Our detractors do not name the "two top members" who are alleged to be communists, but Roy Harris's paper provides the basis for this allegation. Two persons who were once members of SRC's board were recently accused of communist sympathies by Paul Crouch in testimony before a Senate Internal Security Committee subcommittee. We have no way of evaluating this testimony against two out of the more than 100 former members of the SRC board. However, no such charges were made against these persons during their terms of service on our board--1945-1949. Nor by any stretch of theimagination could they be described as "top members"; neither held office or played any significant part in the formulation of SRC policy. (Ironically, one of them resigned from the board because he felt that SRC's position on segregation was not unequivocal enough).

(5) Dr. Mitchell did hold membership for several years on the board of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, resigning when he found himself in disagreement with its policies. Harris's charges of other "red front" associations are based on a series of falsehoods and distortions which would require a great deal of space to review and refute. The high esteem in which Dr. Mitchell is held by all who know him and his work is typified by the award which he received in 1953 from the Catholic Committee of the South for his "significant contribution to the welfare of the South".

(6) The Southern Regional Council has been scrupulously non-political in all of its activities and has never been specifically charged otherwise. It operates under an official grant of tax-exemption from the United States Treasury Department. Anyone who will take the trouble to examine the Council's publications, statements, and activities will see that, from the beginning, it has stood for the exact opposite of communism. It is a body of responsible Southerners of both races working for orderly, constructive progress in race relations. Nothing could damage the cause of international

communism more than the success of this effort.

Over the years, the Southern Regional Council has received both financial and moral support from many of the major religious denominations in the South, including Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational , Society of Friends, Catholic and Jewish groups. Its work has had the endorsement of many prominent persons; the following characterizations of the Council by three widely known Southern editors--all of them intimately acquainted with its activities--are representative:

> "An able and worthwhile organization working in the field of racial relations. It has no radical tinge, but is, nevertheless, an aggressively energetic coordinating agency."
>
> Ralph McGill
> Atlanta Constitution

> "The sanest and best-informed Southwide organization dealing with race relation."
>
> Virginius Dabney
> Saturday Evening Post

> "The SRC is unique in a number of heartening directions. It is biracial, non-denominational and non-political. It does not engage in tom-tom beating, parades, or lengthy'pronunciamentos'slanted for non-Southern consumption and approval. But it is not an isolationist effort to separate the South's problems from the nation's--or from the nation's concern."
>
> Hodding Carter
> Colliers Magazine

Encs. Letters: Odum, Richards, McNamara
Editorial from the Atlanta Constitution.

Editorial: Florence Morning News
Friday Morning, June 17 (55)

WE CAN'T WIN!

Shortly after the United States Supreme Court handed down its emplementation decree, this newspaper expressed the editorial opinion that in the final analysis the South will have to yield.

An editorial entitled "Segregation Going," in this newspaper said:

"In our section there can be little thought of bending to the will of the NAACP--but we had better evaluate our probable losses and see how they compare to the limited gains in time.

"Any changes we make in our programs of education should be made in full acceptance of the fact that the South cannot maintain its policies of racial segregation for any length of time into the future."

Since the Court's publication of its implementation decree, the Southland has been feeding itself large doses of self-delusion and false hope. Politicians, writers, wishful-thinkers and the unthinking have been telling our people that the Court's decree can be defeated and will be defeated.

The Court's decree will not be defeated.

South Carolina's people need to hear realism. They need to hear truth. They need to prepare themselves for a realistic future--not an impossible future constructed out of the words and blind hopes of those who have not accepted the inevitable.

None of us want to admit that desegregation is to be a fact. But, our unwillingness to make such an admission does not negate the truth.

This state's leaders are on the verge of destroying the public school system, Or, they say they are on the verge of so doing. We don't think they will.

Sure they will abolish a few public schools--in Clarendon County for example--but such actions will be an effort to gain time.

Any maneuver will be an attempt to buy time--time for our people to admit that the inevitable must be accepted.

This state's officials are, in effect, going to cut the dog's tail off--a little piece at the time. This will not change the final picture--it will make the change more painful and more expensive.

Some of our political "thinkers" are advocating Constitutional changes to allow the South to keep segregation. This isn't thinking, it is political eyewash. The editorial mentioned earlier expressed an opinion we think holds true now--and for the future; the opinion that "The South is a minority section and will receive less than minority consideration."

Southern Senators cannot get legislation through Congress in support of segregation; nor can the South expect the necessary support to pass a Constitutional amendment in support of its position.

Walter George of Georgia, one of the most outstanding statesmen our section has produced, reduced the blind hopes of a few to simple truth the other day when he told pro-segregationists that the most the South could do in the Senate would be

to take negative action in mattersof segregation.

The South has the Congressional strength to stop unfavorable legislation--it does not have the strength to pass legislation it wants in this field.

This is the age of sociological change. We don't like it. We don't want it. But we can't stop it. How can we hope to preserve sectional institutions that are not legal in approximately three fourths of the nation?

We, as a section, expect great favor and comfort from our Federal judges. Those who encourage this hope for favor and comfort are fooling the people.

Pro-segregationists cannot look to Ashton Williams, Cecil Wyche and George Bell Timmerman for special favor. Those men are judges. They have taken an oath to uphold hte law of the land. The Supreme Court has defined this law, and these men will uphold the law.

Legal brains all over the South can cry against the Cour's decision and "prove" how the Court is wrong. They forget one important fact--the Supreme Court is made up of nine men, and it is the final Court of Appeals. This group of Southerners able to "prove" the Court wrong do not speak from the bench of the top court and they will not be given the opportunity to do so.

The Court has decided , and the Court will not change. This is not a period of going back. Initial mistakes in the field of socielogy are not corrected by court reversals.

South Carolina can't spend its historic life in fighting lost battles, In order to make progress and shape the best possible life for our people, we must learn to accept the things we don't want as well as those we do want. We must learn to accept things we don't want when we lack the ability to change these things.

We cannot change theCourt's decision. We have got to live with it. We can start living with it today, tomorrow or next year--but we are going to live with it.

This should be told to the people of South Carolina. The only decision facing our people is how much energy, effort and expense they want to exchange for a limited amount of time.

The only thing that can be gained is a short time--what price is our section willing to pay for a short time? This is the issue. Segregation vs desegregation is no longer an issue--it is no longer a debate-- it is no longer a contest. The issue has been resolved. There is to be no more segregation.

Face it. Ask state officials to be honest. Then, move as close to objectivity as is possible when facing an emotional issue, and ask yourself what price you and your children want to pay for a short period of time.

There is nothing "cowardly" about stopping a fight when you've been beaten--hands down. It is a little insane to waste your institutions, resources, progress and possible future after you have lost the fight.

Segregation is going--it's all but gone. South Carolina and the rest of the South can't reverse the trend.

We can fight--and will fight; but let's be honest with ourselves and ask how hard we want to fight when we know we cant win.

July 13, 1955.

Mr. W. D. Workman, Jr.
Churchill Circle
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Workman:

I note that in my letter to you the other day, I inadvertently omitted thd name of one of the founders of the Southern Regional Conncil.

The late Dr. Howard W. Odum, of the University of North Carolina, was one of the incorporators and the first president of the Council, 1944-1946. He later served as a board member.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 13, 1955

Miss Winifred Armstrong
National Committee on Immigration
and Citizenship
40 East Fortieth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Armstrong:

There is an excellent man serving as Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in the Baptist Building, Nashville, Tennessee, by name A. C. Miller. Originally a Texan. As forward-looking as he can afford to be without burning his bridges. Mature, wise, concerned, and generous of purpose. I commend him to you.

You might be able to secure the interest of his Excellency Bishop John J. Russell, the Catholic Bishop for the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O., The Oratory, Rock Hill, South Carolina, has been unraveling his skill for the settlement on farms in South Carolina of a number of Italian refugees, and Bishop Russell, of course, will have been related importantly to the enterprise. For the moment I can't think of others, but maybe these two names will be helpful.

I send a tiny leaflet about SRC, and a goodish pamphlet called Answers for Action, and a copy of our maggie. Perhaps you would be willing to become an associate member of the Council, or at least to subscribe to New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encls:
Answers for Action
SRC promotion leaflet
New South, June, 1955

July 14, 1955

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Adam:

I thought you did an excellent job of summing up our conclusions about the proposed Legal Reporting Service. The members of our staff are unanimously of the opinion that the proposed plan is good.

One of our staff members makes the suggestion that a good person to consult would be Hollis Tinehart, Ingraham Building, Miami 32, Florida, a liberal and influential lawyer. He is a member of the board of regents of Higher Education in Florida and a member of our board as well. I think he would be helpful.

I further discussed the idea confidentially with a couple of able young lawyers of my acquaintance. One of them was Winston Huff, a graduate of Yale Law School and a member of Elliot Goldstein's firm. He agreed very strongly with the supposition that the Service can hardly become commercially profitable or self-sustaining. Having been, early in his practice, city attorney for the small town of West Point, Georgia, he can speak from experience of the lawyer in that situation. As he puts it, most such lawyers would not pay anything for such a Service at the time when the issue was not live in the community. But once the matter arose, they would pay anything within reason for all the relevant legal background. This supports the belief that the individual lawyer's interest would be sporadic and that, consequently, the Service would have to be largely subsidized, at least for some time.

Huff's first reaction was that the Service might do more to arm the segregationists than the integrationists. However, he conceded that this would depend heavily on the amount and nature of analysis provided.

I hope these random comments are of some use. Let me know when and if I can be of further help.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 14, 1955.

Dr. Paul E. Pfuetze
The University of Georgia
Department of Philosophy
Athens Georgia

Dear Dr. Pfuetze:

Enclosed is such information as we have on desegregation in church-related schools and colleges and in publicly supported institutions of higher education. You already have a copy of the February New South, I imagine, but I send along a copy just in case. Also enclosed is a bibliography which includes some listings on the subject.

Incidentally, Guy Johnson is supposed to be preparing a whole book on the experiance with integration in higher education. I don't know what the publication plans are but, meanwhile, perhaps he can supply some helpful material.

We appreciate your kind words on the last two issues of New South. There is still plenty of room for improvement, and we would welcome your suggestions at any time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Encs. 5

July 14, 1955

Rev. Robert Hughes
Moore Building Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery Alabama

Dear Bob:

Could you send us about a dozen copies of your fine promotion leaflet? We need them for reports, samples, etc...

Enjoyed being with you last week--particularly the home cooking at your parents' home. I hope C.H. helped you and your board unscramble some of the policies confusions.

Regards.

HCF

HCF/vc

July 14, 1955

Dr. William H. Gray
Bright Hope Baptist Church
Twelfth and Oxford Sts.
Philadelphia 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your efforts in getting us a copy of the film "For Fair Play" which arrived today. As soon as we can get the appropriate members of our staff together, we will review it from the standpoint of its usefulness in our state and local programs.

Frank Loescher has sent me copies of some of the commendatory letters about the film, and I am sure we will be equally impressed.

It has been a long time since I last saw you at the Aaronsburg conference. I hope all goes well with you and that we will meet again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 14, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Frank:

Enclosed are the originals and three copies each of the letters commenting on the film "For Fair Play." The film has just arrived, thanks to your efforts. As soon as we get the appropriate staff members together for a review of it, you will be hearing from me further.

We received a copy of your memo proposing a short study and article on segregation and church facilities. We will try to write you some suggestions soon.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Encs.

July 14, 1955

L. J. Twymon
1226 Villa Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Twymon:

In regard to your letter of July 12, 1955, concerning teachers in integrated school systems--I am sorry but we have little material that would be of value to you.

I am, however, sending you, under separate cover, copies of material on St Louis and a bibliography of "Desegregation in Education." Also, I note by the index of the Southern School News that some material has been published in back issues of the paper. Since the headquarters of the paper is there in Nashville, you might find it worthwhile to check back issues of the News.

Also, I suggest that you write to the school systems involved. They, at least, will send you information on the number of Negro teachers retained in integrated systems.

Again, I am sorry that I cannot be of much help to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

July 15, 1955

Mr. William Gordon, Managing Editor
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bill:

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of an editorial that appeared in today's issue of the Chattanooga Times. I would have brought a copy by the office, but it was late in the afternoon before we received it.

The Georgia Committee is making plans to send a copy to each of its members and to the larger daily newspapers in Georgia. Hope it will produce some results.

It was only a few days ago that I noticed the mention in Marion Johnson's column of my article on baseball. I appreciated the boost.

Will call you early next week.

Sincerely yours,

encl.

John Constable

EDITORIAL FORM THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES
July 15, 1955

BANNING TEACHERS

The Georgia Board of Education on Monday "banned for life" any teacher who instructs classes with both Negro and White students. It also set up a secret "committee" to deal with the segregation problem. Board Chairman George P. Whitman, despite the fact that his organization's business is a direct matter of public concern, refused to divulge the duties of this "committee."

This was alarming enough. But on Tuesday, Attorney General Eugene Cook followed up with a demand for the discharge of any public school teacher who "contributes to or is affiliated with" the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Cook said that "I am doing this because the NAACP has made a declaration that their entire resources will be used to force a mixing of public schools in Georgia."

Chairman Whitman immediately said that the Georgia board at its August 1 meeting would adopt a resolution to revoke the license of any teacher affiliated with the NAACP. (In Tennessee we would hate to think that any one member could speak for the whole school board in advance.) The ban, he added also would apply to any teachers "who are in sympathy with this organization and its purposes."

This is more dictatorship in Georgia. It is unbelievable, but it happened. The NAACP seeks, by sometimes hasty but completely legitimate means, to better the status of the Negro in America. The United States Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that states shall work, carefully and constructively, toward the end of segregated public school classes.

Mr. Cook even tried to say that the University of Georgia Law School would close in September if a Negro is admitted. But Wednesday Robert Arnold, chairman of the university system' board of regents, disagreed strongly with the attorney general.

Shadowy secret committees and suppression of legitimate individual groups may be the rule in Siberia but they have no place in our own midst. There is no telling how far such tactics may lead unless Georgians themselves condemn such bigotry.

July 15, 1955

Mr. Jimmy Jones
Chairman
Week-End A. F. L. Labor School
1291 N. E. 145th Street
North Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Jones:

I never heard any more from you about a September week-end labor school that you wrote about early in June.

All that's happening these days keeps me hopping around too much, and I am not anxious to be out of town any more days than are now promised; but if you have decided to go ahead, and should still be wanting me to come, let me know as soon as you can about dates, and I will do what I can toward holding a spot.

Hope to see you in Charlottesville?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Katherine Stoney has shown me the several letters she wrote in straightening out the whole matter of finances and establishing eleven-twelfths as the basis for Kentucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1955

Mr. Henry Shippard
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

Here is a list of our state groups.

I think one of the most interesting developments in the last few weeks has been the pattern that emerges of local school boards impaneling quasi-official citizen's committees, white and Negro, to figure out what is to be done and how. That foreshadows much more democratic arrangements.

Good luck to Highlander and the Institute.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 15, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I don't know anybody whose good opinion I covet more than yours; thanks.

I wrote Herman Long that the Institute very greatly broadened our people who were there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

I think you have got a good show in Virginia, and it will grow and satisfy you deeply.

Many thanks for the certificates. I am not a devotee of having them, but I was instructed to get them in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1955

Miss Sue R. Slaughter
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Miss Slaughter:

I think your letter to Congressman Porter Hardy, Jr., is exactly right. I know nothing further about the whole matter than what has been in the newspapers, but I see no reason at all for the U. S. Government to send good money after bad. The only thing about the matter that ever appealed to me was the purpose to establish a vocational training institute at that site. As that seems long dead, the rest of it is, so far as I am concerned, without merit.

We are all proud of what Maryland has been doing, and I have given the credit all around to the Norfolk Women's Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1955

Bishop John W. Martin
4550 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Bishop Martin:

Mr. Clement sent us today that very kind check from your Conference, and we have sent an official receipt to Dr. W. A. Hilliard in Detroit, as Treasurer of the Conference.

The staff in this office and out in the Southern states who work with the Southern Regional Council need just the assurance of faith and support which your contribution gives.

I hope you will call on us for whatever service we can render to you or your friends anywhere.

Appreciatively and Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Clement

July 15, 1955

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Kack:

I and all of us in the staff hate to see you go.

You came to the Southern Regional Council in days when it was a small body, with a tiny and uncertain budget; when the Council was little more than an idea in being, and believing that its way of doing things had importance for the future of the South. You cherished and saved its pennies, and helped it beg more funds, and sat up long and late working out its policies and program. When emergencies came Kack was there, with the figures, and with broad judgment, administrative and policy, to bring to bear. And none of us will ever know the overburden of office work and worry and counsel and negotiation that you bore for the Council.

In these later days of growth, you have compassed an expanding job with every outward appearance of ease. How strengthening it has been that at every turn your books were in order, the vouchers checked, you could tell us what was available, and show us problems looming ahead.

For loyalty, accuracy, toil, and responsibility cheerfully assumed and shared, I and everyone in the show are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1955

Dr. W. A. Hilliard
690 West Chicago Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Dr. Hilliard:

Mr. Rufus Clement has sent on to us the check for $100 which Bishop John W. Martin so kindly arranged for as a contribution to the Southern Regional Council from the Michigan Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

We are exceedingly grateful for this help.

Nothing gives us more confidence in carrying along than the support of church bodies for our work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official Receipt $100

cc: Mr. Clement

July 15, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

A couple of weeks ago we had an airmail letter from a gentlemen in New York who described himself as secretary to J. David Stern and asked for information about SRC.

We answered compressedly in reply. Today came a hundred dollars and this note from Mr. Stern, which I have answered as enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

July 15, 1955

Mr. J. David Stern
880 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Stern:

How exceedingly kind that is of you.

We will see to it that New South reaches you regularly as a non-member subscriber.

I will write to Marion and tell him of your important helpfulness to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt $100.00

cc: MAW

July 15, 1955

STAFF-MEMORANDUM

From: C.H. Parrish
Subject: Biracial staffing for state organizations.

This is to confirm the policy agreed upon in staff meeting, Monday July 11, 55. At that time, it was brought out that our major concern in the staffing of state organizations was that they be integrated in so far as it is possible, but that there was no intention of setting up a purely artificial or symbolic bi-racial arrangement in which the state operation would attempt to procede with two persons of equal and perhaps conflicting authority at the head.

In Alabama, the executive committee put the problem of selecting additional staff into the hands of a small committee; instructions were given to this committee that they seek to build an integrated staff by securing the best available persons either a full time associate director or a half time director with or without additional consultants.

It is my understanding that the present policy with respect to the staffing of the state organization is about as follows: every effort should be made by state boards to find a qualified person of a different race than the present state director to receive equal salary and to have comparable status with the incumbent director. If such a person cannot be found quickly, the state may set up an alternative arrangement for building an integrated staff, provided that the arrangement is first submitted to the central office for approval.

July 15, 1955.

Mr. Peters
75 Alma Rd.
Bristol 8 England

Dear Mr. Peters:

Thank you for your letter and your kind words about our literature.

I suggest that, for information about the other aspects of southern life in which you are interested, you address your inquiries to the agencies listed below. I believe their specialties are self evident in their titles.

Southern Association of Science and Industry
5009 Peachtree Rd. N.E. Atlanta, Gerogia

Council of state governments
1313 E. 60th St. Chicago 37, Ill.

Regional Office U.S. Department of Commerce
Georgia Savings Bank Atlanta, Georgia

Department of Architecture
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

Sincerely,

Harold,C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 15, 1955.

Miss Florence Irving
615 South East St.
Raleigh North Carolina

Dear Miss Irving:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter and the copy of your resume. I am delighted to know that you are interested in the position of Research Assistant.

As to the beginning date, we would like to have the position filled not later than September 1 -- earlier if possible.

I could write as greater length about the duties of the Research Assistant, but if it can be arranged, I should prefer to talk with you in person. Would it be possible for you to come to Atlanta for a day or so at our expense within the next two weeks? July 29 is the last day I will be in the office before my vacation and any day between now and then would be convenient for me.

Please let me know if this is possible for you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 15, 1955

NCCSW Housing Bureau
511 Terminal Tower
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I would be grateful for accommodations as here indicated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl - Reservation card

July 15, 1955.

Miss Esther Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Miss Stamats:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the "Gleanings" of the Georgia meeting of Church Women on the school question. I am sure you will be interested.

I will send you some time soon the Gleanings from the Alabama and Louisiana meetings. There will be six other state meetings this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 15, 1955.

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the "Gleanings" of the Georgia meeting of Church Women on the school question.

These Gleanings may give you some idea of what is being done in the state meetings.

I hope you will find it possible to have a meeting this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. ME. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 15, 1955.

Mrs. W. Aubrey Davis
7 New Town Lane
The Crescent
Charleston 50 S.C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 15, 1955.

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont St.
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Arrington:

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

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July 15, 1955.

Mrs. J. Fletcher McLeod
700 Terrace Ave.
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Mrs. McLeod:

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In charge of
Women's Work

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July 15, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Av. S.
Birmingham Alabama

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

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July 15, 1955.

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Gallatin, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 15, 1955.

Mrs. Ralph Wilson
505 W. Main St.
Laurens S.C.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the "Gleanings" of the Georgia meeting of Church Women on the school question. I am sure that you will be interested.

I will send you some time soon the Gleanings from the Alabama and Louisiana meetings. There will be six other state meetings this fall

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 15, 1955.

Mrs. J. Fount Tilman
Lewisburg, Tenn.
RFD 1

Dear Mrs. Tilman:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the Gleanings of the Georgia meeting of Church Women on the school question. I am sure you will be interested.

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 15, 1955.

Mrs. John T. McCall
728 West End Ave.
Nashville Tenn.

Dear Mrs. McCall:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the "Gleanings" of the Georgia meeting of Church Women on the school question.

These Gleanings may give you some idea of what is being done in the state meetings.

I hope you will find it possible to have a meeting this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 16, 1955

Dr. Almon Pepper
Director
Department of Christian Social Relations
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Pepper:

Many thanks for your kind letter of July 15th. I am delighted to be asked to serve in this way.

Here is the appropriate card and $7.50 cash money -- my check book not being hereabouts.

I have written to your housing people at Cleveland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - $7.50 cash

July 16, 1955

Mr. W. H. Perry
2230 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

You remember that I wrote you July 7th on the business of certificates about the loyalty of personnel employed by you with the proceeds of SRC funds. At that time I was without knowledge of whether the action of the Executive Committee and the Board clearly covered consultants.

We have reviewed the minutes and the literal language did not exclude consultants. So if you will be so good as to execute the enclosed certificate for the consultants in your program, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 16, 1955

Mr. Haskell Miller
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

You remember that I wrote you July 7th on the business of certificates about the loyalty of personnel employed by you with the proceeds of SRC funds. At that time I was without knowledge of whether the action of the Executive Committee and the Board clearly covered consultants.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 16, 1955

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
Friends World Committee
Wilmington College
Wilmington, Ohio

Dear Ralph:

We are doing some thinking too about employment matters, and may have a plan that will enable SRC to give that whole movement a push.

Ohio is off my beat, but I will hope to get there. Meanwhile, I appreciate your cordial friendship across the hills.

Wouldn't it be nice if the Roses and the Mitchells could sit somewhere all day on a shady terrace and talk?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Amazingly, in the letters to you yesterday I overlooked the fact that you had yourself sent in your own hundred dollars.

How exceedingly kind that was of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. Charles F. Golden
Associate Secretary
Division of National Missions of the
Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Golden:

You rejoice me greatly with your kind letter of July 15th.

I will do my best to keep you and the others currently informed of the Council's continuing program. For the moment, the most cheerful thing I can put in is the appearance of a pattern in the South. Local school boards are impaneling semi-official bi-racial citizens' committees to advise them on how to open the schools. That's an evident fore-runner of a much more democratic pattern. In the normal course of affairs, the outstanding Negro members of these committees will be appointed or elected to local school boards, and these fortunate communities would then be in position to unroll an official and agreed plan, and to supervise fairly the operation of unsegregated schools.

Needless to say, we are asking our local forces over the South to encourage this movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East Sixty-Ninth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

It was a hot and muggy week in New York, and I am proud of you for being cool in Connecticut. I did call the Freedom Agenda office and they told me you were up there.

I truthfully had no business: I merely thought you would be interested in an appraisal of how things proceed in the South, and I would be interested in strengthening our link with the Freedom Agenda effort.

Better luck next time!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

You very kindly wrote us April 11th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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July 16, 1955

An original of the attached to:

Morris Abram
Cassandra Birnie
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock

7/16/55

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Small reminder, well ahead of the September 30th need-line, of the undertaking of the members of the Executive Committee of SRC to scare up $100 before then.

We merely want to be sure that as your plans are made for September you remember this matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

You very kindly wrote us April 27th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

You very kindly wrote us April 13th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

You very kindly wrote us April 8th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You very kindly wrote us April 12th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. We are sensible indeed of the help you give us each year with other sources!

July 16, 1955

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

You very kindly wrote us April 11th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 18, 1955.

Rev. Horace Williams
General Board of Education
P.O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have forwarded the six copies of the "Gleanings" of the Southwide meeting to Dr. J. Allan Rauck. Under separate cover, I am sending you a cppy of the Gleanings from the Georgia meeting of Church Women on the school question and as soon as they come in I will send you the Gleanings fromthe Louisiana and Alabama meetings. There will be six other state meetings this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 18, 1955.

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Missipsippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Under separate cover, I am sending you the Workbook and also the "Gleanings" from the Southwide meeting of Church Women.

The best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E.Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 18, 1955.

Miss Dorothy Takechi
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22 New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

Under separate cover, I am mailing you the material from the Southwide meeting of Church Women on the Supreme Court decision on schools.

Also I am enclosing the "Gleanings" from the Georgia state meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 18, 1955

Dr. R.L. Hunt
79 East Adams St.
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Dr. Hunt:

Under separate cover, I mail a copy of the "Gleanings" of the Church Women of Georgia meeting on the school question.

Later on, I will send you copies of the Gleanings from the Louisiana and Alabama meetings. There will be 6 other meetings this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 18, 1955.

Dr. A. Dudley Ward
740 Rush Street
Board of Social and Economic Relations
Chicago 11, Illinois

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 18, 1955.

Mr. Eugene Sutherland
20 S. 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

"Workbook of the Fellowship of the Concerned" is not a publication, it is just a note book of information and blank pages for the Church Women of the South who came to Atlanta out of concern of the school question. We are mailing you a copy of it and also a copy of the "Gleanings" that came out of this meeting. We are having similar meetings in each of the Southern States.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

19, 1955

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

AIR MAIL

MEMORANDUM

including Paul Fenner of Fla.

Top Priority

TO: STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM: FREDERICK B. ROUTH

RE: STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We notice that some of the lists of state board members are incomplete in one or more respect and feel that it is necessary that they be kept as up to date as possible.

Therefore, please send at once a complete list of your state board of directors; indicate what committees are set up (and which are functioning) who is on each committee; indicate occupation, race and address of each member (i.e., G. S. Gotrocks (w) educator, 135 E. Bourbon Street, Atlanta, Ga.; H. L. Stokes (N) lawyer, 711 Jackson Blvd., Athens, Ga.)

We also would like information, from your point of view, about the following:

A. To what extent has the board accepted the responsibility of committee work?

B. How active has the proper (program planning or executive) committee been in planning state program?

(Date of last meeting - who was present?)

C. Has the finance committee set up plans for fund raising?

(Date of last meeting - who was present?)

D. How much of your time has been spent on fund-raising activities?

E. How much of your time has been spent on organizing local groups?

F. How geographically representative is your Board of Directors?

G. Date of last meeting of Board of Directors - who was present?

eab/

July 20, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

I have sent a first follow-up to those Board members who have not as yet contributed the $100 that you wrote about last March. Here is a sample such letter.

Thus far seven members of the Board have promised to contribute or raise the money by September 30th, and two have sent it.

Two members of the Executive Committee have paid in their hundred, and another has paid $50.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Encl.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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7/20/55

An original of this ltr to:

Thomas W. Young
Paul D. Williams
Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Judge L. E. Thomas
Miss Florence Sytz
J. Edwin Smith
Charles A. Shaw
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Hollis Rinehart
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J. L. Reddix
Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
E. A. Penick
A. G. Moron
L. D. Milton
Clyde Milner
E. A. McDowell
John McCann
Z. A. Loby
R. O'Hara Lanier
Guy B. Johnson
S. Thomas Friedman

O. D. Duncan
~~[illegible]~~
A. J. Clement*
Hodding Carter
Ulysses S. Bond
Mrs. W. F. Bates
R. B. Atwood

*now residing in New Jersey, but had received original ltr of request for $100.

July 20, 1955

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I send a follow-up on Mr. Rufus Clement's letter, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of SRC, which was sent out last March. It will be remembered that Mr. Clement notified the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council that the Executive Committee members had agreed to put up $100 apiece by September 30, 1955, and that the Executive Committee was asking the other members of the Board to join it in making such a contribution.

The idea was that each member of the Board should give or get for the Council $100. We hope that in your case that will prove practicable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Mr. Clement

July 21, 1955.

Dr. Kenneth Holland, President
Institute of International Education
1 East 67th St.
New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Holland:

For some time now, the Southern Regional Council has been uncomfortably aware of the lack of coordination among agencies in Atlanta and the Southeast which receive an increasing volume of foreign visitors. Moreover, as the records of your own agency indicate, there are substantial numbers of foreign students enrolled in Southern colleges and universities, and their integration into community life is in many cases haphazard and unassisted.

The Southern Regional Council's interest in this problem grows out of the fact that many of these visitors have a special interest in race relations within the region. In our effort to meet this special and limited need, we have come to realize the broader need for systematic assistance to foreign visitors in their planning of itineraries, accomodations, community contacts and in hospitality arrangements.

On June 22, we invited a group of organizational representatives to come together for an informal discussion of this whole matter. Those present did not represent their organizations in any official sense, but included were persons active in the following agencies: Y.W.C.A., International Club, Council of Jewish Women, the Emory University Institute for Citizenship, the Atlanta Urban League, West Georgia College and the Carroll Service Council, the Southeastern Office of the American Friends Service Committee, the American Veterans Committee, the American Association of

University Women, the Friendly Relations Committee, the Atlanta World Affairs Council and Atlanta University. The views of others who could not be present are summarized in the letter from Miss Rhoda Kaufman, a copy of which is attached. Also attached are letters from other persons who were present.

The group meeting on June 22 reached no hard and fast conclusions about how our mutual problem could best be met. However, a continuing committee was named, consisting of Miss Kaufman, Mr. Robert Thompson, Mrs. George Douglas and myself. It is our earnest hope that the Institute of International Education might find it possible to establish a Southeastern office in Atlanta. We are presumptuous enough to pass this suggestion along to you because we feel so strongly the importance to international relations of better understanding of this region abroad, and also because of our respect for the outstanding work in this field which the Institute has accomplished.

In any case, if you should undertake to establish such an office or to explore its feasibility, we can assure you of the eager cooperation of the Southern Regional Council, and, I am sure, of many other agencies in Atlanta and elsewhere in the Southeast.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Encs.

July 21, 1955

Miss Florence B. Irving
615 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Irving:

July 28 is perfectly satisfactory, and I will look forward to seing you then. I do not know that more than one day would be necessary for our purposes, but I should think the trip would be less wearing if you broke it with an overnight stop. Ann Queen has asked me to invite you to put up with the Friends Project which is housed at Morehouse College. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will tell her to expect you.

If you would like an advance on your travel expenses, let me know and I will send it off promptly. Otherwise, we can reimburse you when you are here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director.

HCF/vc

July 21, 1955.

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The best price we can make on New South is 15 c. per copy. The going price for a single copy is 20 c. but in the case of a state affiliate, and particularly in the case of a quantity order, 15 c. is enough (and no doubt seems too much, but they cost us about 12 c. apiece for print).

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 21, 1955

Mr. F. M. Phillips
2066 Palifox Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Philips:

Thank you for your telephone call requesting information about the Council. We do appreciate your interest.

Enclosed are two pamphlets about the Council and a publications list.

If you are in our neighborhood, drop by and see us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 22, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear SRC Board Member:

The first grant period from the Fund for the Republic to SRC ends September 30, 1955. Our request for the second grant period must be in not later than August 20, 1955. It seems desirable to review and evaluate the program of the Council and of the various affiliated state organizations during the first grant period.

To that end, we ask that you be kind enough to send us your confidential evaluation of the operation within your own state. We would like to have a frank statement by you of your opinion of the effectiveness of the program; of the problems which have arisen; and any suggestions you may have for improving the state operation.

We hope that it will not be too great an imposition for you to send your comments to us sometime before August 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 22, 1955

Mr. Charles Glatt
224½ Columbia, S.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Glatt:

Thank you for your letter of July 14, 1955. However, we do not have publications such as you describe in your letter. I am sending you a copy of our publications list.

New South is the monthly publication of the Southern Regional Council. Current copies sell for twenty cents (20¢) or a year's subscription rate is two dollars ($2.00).

Also, I am enclosing a descriptive bulletin of the Council's publication, "Changing Patterns in the New South."

If you are interested in any of this material, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

July 22, 1955

The Rev. Daniel G. Cox
1634 Freedomway North
Baltimore 13, Maryland

Dear Rev. Cox:

Thank you for your letter of July 21. I am sending you two pamphlets which may be of use to you. Charge for the pamphlets is twenty cents (20¢) payable in coin or stamps.

Also, I am enclosing the Council's publication list and a descriptive folder on "Changing Patterns in the New South." The latter publication is now undergoing revision to include an article on the May 31, 1955, ruling of the Supreme Court.

If you are interested in any other material listed in the folder, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.
New South, August, 1954
Christian Conscience
Changing Patterns bulletin
Publications List

July 22, 1955

Mr. John B. George
Institute of African-American Relations, Inc.
732 23rd St. N.W.
Washington 7, D.C.

Dear Mr. George:

I knew Kotun during the one year when he was a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta. He had come over at the urging of an unusually good young Nigerian, Nathaniel Olaku.

He was an acceptable student at Morehouse and was well liked on the campus. He transferred after one year to Muehlenburg College and I have not had more than an occasional letter from him since then.

I thought him in every way a good bet. I and various others helped to get him over here and keep in college. He showed great persistance, character and dependability. We had some political conversations and I am satisfied that at that time he was politically mature and democratically minded.

I think he is en every way worthy of assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

July 22, 1955

Mr. O.D. Duncan
Oklahoma Agricultural and
Mechanical Dollege
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

Mrs. MacAlpine's $15 came in in beautiful order and we have sent her an official SRC receipt.

We will keep a list of the contributions you sent in on that coming from your prompting and will take them

We are getting things done and am sorry to hear that we are not moving in Oklahoma.

Hope to see you at our board meeting November 9 at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

July 22, 1955

Mother E. M. O'Byrne
Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart
Purchase, New York

Dear Mother O'Byrne:

How exceedingly kind it of you to help us so generously again this year.

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

Enc. SRC Official receipt

July 22, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Davidson:

Here is an official receipt for receiving the kind $ 150.

I have considered that 100 of it neatly covers the matter of Herbert's finding 100 for SRC. So, be relieved; we will not ask him any more !

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

Enc.

July 22, 1955

Father J.B. Gremillion
St. Joseph's Church
216 Patton Ave.
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Father Gremillion:

Many thanks for your letter of July 20 and for Father Marvin's excellent and brave editorial.

Sorry to hear in Baton Rouge last night that there are rough spots.

I am to be at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the one day of Tuesday, August 9, but I am here August 8 and 10 and greatly hope that you and Father Marvin will stop one of those days. If it has to be the 9, Harold Fleming of this office would love to see you both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

July 22, 1955

Mr. George Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear George:

Alright for Junalaska beginning September 11.

Would see if you could set me up for a 4-day schedule that would release me Thursday night, September 15, so I could be back in the office Friday 16 ?

Not essential, but would help a great deal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

June 22, 1955

Mr. R. Orin Cornett
Southern Association of
Baptist Colleges and schools
127 Ninth Avenue N.
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cornett:

I will be in this office Monday, August 1, Friday, August 5, Monday, August 8 and from Monday, August 29 forward.

I do hope you will come by. You are moving fruitfully and I would like to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

July 22, 1955

Mrs. David M. MacAlpine
1015 West Fourth Avenue
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. MacAlpine:

How very kind indeed that is of you !

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

July 22, 1955

Mr. O.D. Duncan
Oklahoma Agricultural and
Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O.D:

Mrs. MacAlpine's $15 came in in beautiful order and we have sent her an official SRC receipt.

We will keep a list of the contributions you send in or that come from your pronpting and will tick them off against your hundred.

We are getting things done but I continue that we are not helping in Oklahoma.

Hope to see you at our board meeting November 9 at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 23, 1955

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TO: STATE BOARD CHAIRMEN
STATE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF SRC

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES WITHIN EACH STATE FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

You may recall that at the Board meeting of SRC last November, a resolution was passed requesting each state organization to "submit to the Central Office a plan of its program for the year 1955, and that this be submitted by January 1, 1955."

Several of the states were not organized by January 1st, and several more were not sufficiently operative to comply with this request of the Board. A memorandum from the Central Office dated December 14, 1954, entitled "Criteria for evaluating program proposals of state organizations affiliated with SRC" raised certain basic questions to be considered by state organizations in planning their programs.

We are nearing the end of the first grant period from the Fund for the Republic. We need a clearer understanding of what the resources and possibilities are, and how effective the program has been in the various states. It would be helpful to us if you would address yourself to the following questions:

(1) What is your conception of the purpose of the state organization?
(2) What program has been inaugurated to implement the Court's decision?
(3) What problems have arisen in the course of operation?
(4) What are the prospects for the future?
(5) How can the Central Office be more useful?

We know this is an imposition upon your time, but we should be grateful for your answers by August 5th. We must submit the renewal request to the Fund for the Republic by August 20th and we need time to analyze the answers.

cc: State Exec. Dir.
Associate Dir.

GSM/eab

July 25, 1955

Mrs. Pearl C. Hummel
Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hummel:

I should have gotten more information when you spoke to me at Junalaska. I was rather thrilled that you had a group of young men of both races lining up for a part of your conference.

When I came home, I realized I would like to see that experiment. I did not realize that you were speaking in the past tense so that your school was yet to be. If you have time, write me a few lines about what happened.

Best of wishes to you.

Always,

Mrs. M.E.Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 25, 1955

Dr. C.G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

I am very interested in your letter of July 21 and, if I do not have a Methodist meeting tentatively set for these dates, I will accept your invitation to be at Monteagle, if your conference materializes.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 25, 1955

Mrs. Allen Watson
P. O. Box 96
Wildwood Florida

Dear Mrs. Watson:

We are preparing your 50 packets of material today and they will arrive to you tomorrow.

It might be possible for you to sell them for 50¢ for us; if not, at least 35¢. They are material concerning the Supreme Court decision and integration into the Methodist Church. I hope they will be what you will need.

With best wishes for your workshop, I remain,

Your Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

July 25, 1955

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Thanks for the promptness in sending the list of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Council. Such promptness makes this end of the show much easierto administer.

I hope your fund raising campaign and membership drive are going well. Good luck !

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thank you for sending in the list of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Council. A quick glance at them indicates that more time must be spent in building the board.

Your promptness in sending them in makes more easy this end of the show.

Best personal regards to you and Barbara.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955.

Mr. Bob Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the promptness in sending in the list of board of directors, in Alabama, and the answers to the questions. Your promptness makes far more easy the administration of 12 state organizations.

Best personal regards to you and Dotty and the wee one.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Many thanks for your promptness in sending in the list of the Arkansas board and the answers to the question in my memo. I certainly appreciate this promptness and, believe me, it helps when one tries to keep track os 12 state organizations.

Best personal regards to you and Chris.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
Room 420 Jackson Building
Cherry and 7th Sts.
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Clarence:

What ha'hoppen to the list of the Board of Directors you were going to send me ? Also the answer to the "Top priority" questions ?

On the questions you raise regarding the materials available from the Fund for the Advancement of Education, I have turned your letter over to Harold Fleming for an answer.

I am glad that you got as much as you feel you did at Fisk. I believe that this was a most worthwhile Institute and one that served our staff well.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955.

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

Thank you for your prompt attention to the request for a list of the board of the Mississippi Council. It is a big help when people are as prompt as you.

I was encouraged by your note in which you mention talking with an executive from the Mississippi Power and Light Company. I believe that you could ferret out a relatively small group of key people of this type across the state of Mississippi who believe in democracy and are willing to support it localy, but who for economic or social reasons cannot speak out openly. I would ask this chap if he could help raise funds quietly from like minded people.

You say you are moving very slowly in Mississippi. We in the central office understand your problems and do not expect you to fly.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25,1955.

Mr. Paul Finner
930 W. Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Paul:

I can make it on Friday, August 29. If there is any phange in plans, please advise me.

Rev. Miles of Florida A&M sounds like a good candidate to me and I am pleased that there is more than one candidate in each race from whom to choose.

Unless I hear to the contrary then, I will see you in Daytona Beach the morning of August 29 - Friday.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. As I recall, my plane gets in a little after 10.00, but I will come at the News-Journal Office as soon as possible.

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955.

Mr. J. A. McDaniel
Memphis Urban League
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mac:

Thank you for your letter of July 21 and I regret that it was impossible for me to attend the meeting June 30 in Memphis when Mayor Dempster spoke. I had hoped to be able to make it but things just piled up on me at Fisk and I had already missed one and a half day of the brief week I had committed to the Institute.

Thank you for all the interest you are taking in the Tennessee Council and the valuable advice you have been offering.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FRR/vc

July 25, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
309 West 21st St.
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for the promptness with which you answered my "Top Priority" memo. Such promptness helps make more easy the administration of this end of the show and I appreciate it.

From the light of your last report and your proposed itinerary, things are really happening in Texas. Let me know how the trip through the state talking with the superintendents came out.

Best personal regards to you and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
1212 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks a lot for the promptness with which you sent in the list of the North Carolina board. Such promptness makes more simple the administration of this phase of SRC work.

Best personal regards to you and the family,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

July 25, 1955.

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

George has given me your letter to him of July 22 to answer. The answer to your first question is: the meeting of the SRC board will take place in Tuskegee, Alabama, November 9. At the present time, we have no plan for the staff meeting then, but this will be brought up for consideration at the next executive committee meeting and you will be notified of any decision well in advance of the time the meeting is to be held.

You asked George for any lead which might be helpful growing out of the conferences with the labor unions this summer and I will leave that for him to reply to. As you may have guessed, he is out of town, teaching at another labor school, this time in Virginia; last week, it was in Arkansas.

Thanks for sending him your answer to my memo so promptly. This makes the administration of this phase of SRC work much more easy to accomplish.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

P.S. Frank Loescher did not get to South Carolina because he was called back to New York for aconference on other matters before he completed his swing of our state organizations. You can reach him: % Fund for the Republic, 1 East 54th Street, New York 22, N.Y.

July 26, 1955.

To: Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson Mississippi

Here are the clippings that you asked us to return. Sorry to deep them this long but it took some time for them to make the round of the staff.

Regards.

HCF

July 26, 1955

Mr. Charles Glatt
224½ Columbia, S.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Glatt:

Your letter of July 21, 1955, addressed to the Conference on Education and Race Relations has reached my attention. The work of the Conference is now being conducted through the Southern Regional Council.

A similar letter from you reached the Council last week and was answered. We hope that we may be of aid to you in your work. If so, let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

July 27, 1955.

Mr. Frank Loescher
One East 54th Street
New York 22,N.Y.

Dear Frank:

I sent you in some haste a copy of the letter and enclosures to Kenneth Holland. George Mitchell saw him in New York and a letter of that sort seemed to be the best way of supporting the Institute's existing interest in establishing a regional office here.

I sent nothing to Melvin Fox, but Rhoda Kaufman, who knows him, sent him her copy of the correspondence, on her own.

I'd be glad to have any reaction and/or suggestions that you might care give us.

I'll write you about the film "For Fair Play" in the next day or so.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/VC
Dictated by Harold C. Fleming/signed in his absence.

July 27, 1955.

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Editor of the Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

The statement by the Chattanooga board of education is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. It surely would not have been possible had it not been for the positive influence of the Chattanooga Times, over the years.

You will be interested to know that the editorial on the Georgia foolishness was reproduced and widely distributed by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. Congratulations for that too.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Dictated by Harold C.Fleming; signed in his absence

July 27, 1955.

Mr. Jonathan Daniels
The News and Observer
Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Could it be possible for you to change your committment September 9? We need you here in Georgia.

Attached are some enclosures to let you see our situation. United Church Women of Georgia need you.

Please think again and if possible find a way to be with us on the morning September 9.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc
Enc.

July 27, 1955.

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fouth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Ed:

Here is a belated report on our disposition of the copies of "Equality by Statute" which AJC so generously supplied.

Copies were sent to the Directors and Associate Directors of our affiliated state organizations (the Associates, where they exist, are designed to make possible an integrated staff).

Copies were sent to the Attorneys General of most of the Southern states.

Copies were sent to the following persons, because of their interest in the subject matter and, I believe, their receptivity to the view which Berger expounds: Ralph Hammond, Assistant to the Governor of Alabama; Alabama State Representative George Hawkins, Folsom's floor leader in the House and a member of our Alabama group; Armistead Boothe, member of the Virginia House, who has introduced several state civil rights measures; Robert McC. Figg, Attorney for the defendants in the Clarendon County case (a very learned guy who at least accepts social science as a meaningful study).

Copies were sent to the following persons active in SRC or its affiliated state groups: Rev. L.G. Twomey, Director of Loyola's Institute of Industrial Relations in New Orleans; Fred Darragh, Little Rock manufacturer; Lee Coleman, University of Kentucky sociologist, consultant to desegregating communities; Davisson Dunlap, Jacksonville Attorney, close friend and advisor of the Governor and Attorney General of Florida; Richard Foster, Attorney

and Juvenile Court Judge, Greenville, S.C.; John Larkins, State Board of Charities and Welfare , N.C.; John McCann, businessman and leader in the Catholic Committee of the South, New Orleans; Jerone Crossman, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, active in the local employment or merit program; Hollis Rhinehart, Miami Attorney, member of the Florida Board of Control for Higher Education; Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O., a founder of the Rock Hill committee on Human Relations and leader in the Catholic Committee of the South; J. Edwin Smith, Houston Attorney; Marion N. Wright, Attorney, president of SRC; Thomas W. Young, publisher of the Norfolk Journal Guide; Charles T. Steele, executive of the Louisville Urban League; Herbert Davidson, editor and publisher of the Daytona Beach News and Journal.

Again thanks for the books. We will let you know of any direct reaction.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Dictated by Harold C. Fleming/signed in his absence.

July 27, 1955.

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Adam:

Davisson Dunlap is in the process of getting Attorney General Irving's reaction to the proposed legal reporting service. I should be able to write you about it shortly. Meanwhile, I can give you the views of Hollis Rhinehardt, the prominent Miami lawyer whom I mentioned in my last letter.

Rhinehardt feels that the service would be extremely valuable. He suggests that the University of Florida Law School be further considered as incentive. He praised the Dean (Fenn, from Yale) as an outstanding man whose background and interest would equip him to direct the servece. Whatever Law School is chosen, Rhinehardt suggests that a cooperative arrangement be made with a law School in each Southern state for senior students to brief appropriate cases arising in their respective states; their briefs would then be sent to the central office for editing and compilation. He feels that the subsidy would have to be quite sizable to make such an arrangement possible. Rhinehardt threw in the suggestion that the material could periodically be put together in journal form for permanent reference.

To morrow, I am going to see Marion Wright, a lawyer of many years'experience in South Carolina and President of SRC. I will pass along to you any idea of his that might of value.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ve
P.S. Congratulations on the new offspring; sounds as if he was worth waiting for !

July 28, 1955

Mr. J.M. Dodson
Kentucky Education Association
1419-1421 Heyburn Building
Louisville, 2 Kentucky

Dear Mr. Dodson:

I found your letter inviting me to the Leadership Conference when I was at home last week.

I called your office and let word that I would be glad to accept the invitati n. I hope however that you will send me as soon as possible the program and some additional information about the session in which I am to participate.

Address my mail to The Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vd

July 28, 1955

Dr. Harold Beers
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Harold:

When I was in Louisville briefly last week, I found your note citing the favorable comments on the seminar as a whole and the panel discussion in which I participated. Thank you for your kind words. It was a pleasurable and interesting experience for me.

There is no hurry about the honorarium. I suppose that I will find it at my office when I return to Louisville August 11.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc

July 28, 1955

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Francis Manis
830 E. Long Rd
Alcoa, Tennessee

From: Harold C. Fleming, C.H. Parrish, Frederick B. Routh

Re: Administrative Handbook of the Tennessee Council of Human Relations.

The proposed Administrative Handbook for the Tennessee Council has great possibilities for regional use. The suggested modifications and additions contained in this memorandum should in no way be thought of as criticism of the document as a whole. Actually, they are proposed in order to increase the usefulness of the handbook in other states. There are certain fundamental questions which come to mind. How does the handbook fit into the total pattern of the Tennessee Council's activities ? What is the rationale for the consultant operation ? What are the next steps ? To what end ? All of us agree that the handbook would have greater utility if a short, general statement is included dealing with the foregoing questions.

Specific suggestions have been made regarding the revision of the section beginning on page 6 under "Function of Field Consultant - Guides". In the first line, it has been suggested that "non political" be substituted for "educational". Under (A), it has been suggested that the following might be substituted: "The conviction that the Council has no authoritative role and that the consultant as a professional person should not attempt to manipulate the community into handling the problem of school desegregation in a preconceived way or at a particular time". Under (B): "A strong feeling that although the consultant himself avoids the role of protagonist, this should not convey the implication that the Council is neutral in its position on desegregating schools in this area. The Council believes, in effect, that communities have the right to self determination, <u>but only within the limits of the Supreme Court decision.</u>"

The foregoing tentative change is proposed because of a possible danger of misunderstanding of the Council's objectives and a possible criticism of the Council particularly on the part of Negro citizens. Actually, the Council is a protagonist in that it is on record as favoring the rapid desegregation of the schools, although, as you have said, it is not a protagonist with respect to the particular way in which the schools should be desegregated, It is easy however for outsiders to fail to see this distinction.

Some of us have found the following breakdown of the SRC's functions helpful:

1. The Council attempts to create a community atmosphere in which desegregation bay be initiated.
2. The Council has a professional function of advising communities as to how to proceed with desegregation once they have the will to do so.
3. Subsidiary to both of these functions is that of the raising of funds in order that the first two functions may be continued.

The consultant program represents an effort to separate the professional function from the other two functions. We feel that the Tennessee Council Handbook goes a long way toward the achievement of this end.

vc/
cc/ Dr. William Jones
Mr. Clarence Hughes
Dr. James Colston
Dr. Haskell Miller

July 29, 1955

Mr. B. E. Powell
Librarian
Duke University Library
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Powell:

This will introduce Miss Florence B. Irving.

We are in hope that Miss Irving will, in a few weeks, come on to the staff of the Southern Regional Council in a capacity which has a potential relation to your library. A good many months ago, the Southern Regional Council sought from the Doris Duke Foundation a grant to enable SRC to increase its activities in collecting the fugitive material as to the progress of desegregation in the South.

Such a flow of ticketed information is important to the Council in the publication of our monthly magazine, New South. We indicated to the Doris Duke Foundation that in the event the grant were made, we would wish so to contrive the physical filing and cataloging of the clips and pamphlet material as to ease the absorption of the material eventually into some university library — as for instance, your own. We are thus unspecific because no correspondence has been had with you on this matter, but I am satisfied that our purpose in the correspondence with the Doris Duke Foundation may be counted upon to give the Duke University Library the refusal of the prospective materials.

Miss Irving is from Raleigh. I wanted to use the occasion of her presence there just before she comes to us, to enable her to have at least a preliminary conversation with some of your people. Object: to give her a first glimpse of the method we should prepare to follow in making the material acceptable to you.

While Miss Irving is a trained social science inquirer, she has not specifically had library experience. As a matter of fact, while we had hoped to get somebody with technical knowledge of library procedure, we haven't been able to, and we think Miss Irving quite capable of taking on at least the simpler routines of a filing system that would be helpful to you.

I do not propose at this time that yourpeople take on the task of instructing Miss Irving ab initio, but, obviously, it would be well if she could talk with somebody who knows your filing procedures as to materials of this kind. The Council would be prepared at a later date to send her to Durham for a day or so of more fruitful instruction when she has got her fingers into the job.

Obviously, as I write this, the grant has been made.

I trespass upon our acquaintance by mail to ask your kindness in this matter. If for any reason the whole notion is unacceptable, be perfectly frank. But, we in the Council would be hopeful that ultimately the material collected under Miss Irving's care would be used by the Duke University Library.

The Southern Regional Council is not proposing any early dissolution but I do not think that it ought to plan for perpetual life, and I do think that our files should live forever.

Appreciatively,

George S.Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I am back from Charlottesville to find your good stout letter to Governor Hodges. Surely it will help him to swing around to the honorable North Carolina tradition.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. Clifford Earle
The Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church in the
in the United States of America
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Earle:

Many thanks for your phone call and for the letter which got to Atlanta ahead of me.

I am free to come, and will do so to be with your group the afternoon of the 28th and for so much of the 29th as you want me. My calendar bears a notation that a visiting team of students from Colgate will be in Atlanta September 28th, 29th, and 30th, and I am to talk with them. But I have written them and told them that my time with them will have to be on the 30th.

This ought to be a most useful occasion, and I much appreciate being asked to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Tpp Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am adressing this to you in your capacity of Personnel Committee member. A similar letter is also going forward to Dr. Clement. Dr. Mitchell has authorized me, in his absence, to handle this matter and I am doing so because of the time element involved.

Enclosed is a resume of Miss Florence B. Irving of Raleigh, N.C., whom I propose to ~~use~~ you for the position of Research Assistant. Miss Irving was in the office today and was interviewed by me and the other professional staff members present. We were all favorably impressed by her intelligence, alertness and articulateness, and familiarity with our field of work.

As you will see from her resume, Miss Irving's work experience has been not in the field of sociology but generally in the area of Economics. However, her organisational activities and interests have been closely allied with those of the Council; I found her extremely well informed about race relations developments in the South. Moreover, her professional experience, while different in subject matter, has given her the basic skills which are called for in the position of Research Assistant.

Altogether, I am prepared to recommend the employment of Miss Irving with considerable enthusiasm. I am taking the step of writing you before Dr. Mitchell returns to the office because of the urgent need for Miss Irving to give notice to her present employer at North Carolina A & T College, at least a month before the beginning of the Fall term - that is by August 6 or 7. If you could let me have your answer promptly, I would

be most grateful.

Dr. Mitchell has reviewed Miss Irving's personal data and is prepared to approve her employment contingent on today interview and the approval of the Personnel Committee.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

July 29, 1955.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I am addressing this to you in your capacity of Personnel Committee member. A similar letter is also going forward to Mr. Marion Wright. Dr. Mitchell has authorized me, in his absence, to handle this matter and I am doing so because of the time element involved.

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vs

Enc. Resume of Miss Irving

July 29, 1955

Mr. John D. Connors
Director of Education
American Federation of Labor
1625 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

I was greatly impressed with the standards and the whole conduct of the two Southern labor schools this summer. So impressed that I have written Mr. Meaney and praised with earnestness the attitudes manifest at both schools. Under the circumstances, I do not think it courteous to spread around copies of my letter to Mr. Meaney. But doubtless it will be passed on to you. In any case, I wanted you to know that obviously your people are doing a bang-up job. And the local union people, who were quite the dominant part of both schools, are stretching their minds, jumps at a time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. Stanton Smith
President
Southern A. F. of L. Labor School
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Both of those schools were honies. The Southwestern one was best in the attitudes of the people. Perhaps a third, but not more than that, who came to the Southeastern one were sticky and fussy. But everybody was perfectly courteous, and you could feel minds growing.

You were extremely kind to me in fitting the schedule to my needs, and I am grateful for that, and most grateful for the chance to reach your people in this particular summer.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. Jack Smith
c/o Virginia State Federation
of Labor
101 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I feel a duty to tell you how good an occasion the Southeastern Labor School at Charlottesville was. Maybe a third of those who were present were unpersuaded but they kept their tempers and took aboard at least a light freighting of new ideas. And a good sampling of the whole crowd let me know at the end of the course that they "saw things differently."

I recognize the bravery, and in my judgement the wisdom, of the School in making room for my topics this summer, and I want you to know that I thought the whole business went helpfully.

I do hope that your appraisal of it will agree.

Warmest wishes for you in your new job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. Edward H. Weyler
International Brotherhood of
Carpenters and Joiners
Carpenters Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

I am freshly back from a week with the Southwestern A. F. of L. Labor School at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and the last week at Charlottesville, Virginia, with the Southeastern School.

I want you to know that in discussions and conversations with the students, (who this time came pretty largely from local unions), I saw a good many evidences of your handiwork. In particular, I was impressed by what some of the carpenters from Miami had to say about their experiences in absorbing into the general local the former separate Negro local. Well and wisely done it was clear!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Elizabeth Compton
Merchandise Assistant
The Methodist Publishing House
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Miss Comptom:

Thank you for your letter of July 28, 1955.

The publication "Singers in the Dawn" is still available, and the current retail price is ten cents (10¢) per copy.

I am enclosing a list of our publications for your file. Attached to the list is information concerning publications released since the list was printed.

Again, thank you for your interest.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

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July 29, 1955

Mr. H. Harry Giles
New York University
157 West Thirteenth Street
New York 11, New York

Dear Mike:

New York University most kindly sent along a grand check for $250.

I greatly appreciate it and feel overpaid for a most pleasant two or three days.

I thought the Institute accomplished a lot. It was particularly fun that you had that goodish number of Southern teachers there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 29, 1955

Mr. S. E. Doga
217 West Cotton Street
Villa Platt, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Doga:

How very nice it was to get back in the office this morning from a Southeastern Labor School at Charlottesville, Virginia, and find four whole pounts of honest-to-goodness dark roast ground coffee. I am delighted, and so will my wife be.

Here is a check for $3.60, which by my arithmetic may be right.

The Charlottesville School was at points sticky on the subject of Southern problems. But nobody lost his temper, and quite a number of those who were present let me know afterwards that they had come to see things in a new light. The fellow who taught labor law suggested to me, when the course was over, that I could have asked the group whether they were part of the problem or part of the answer. I think it would be fair to say that fully eighty per cent at Charlottesville were part of the answer. Anyhow that bunch at Fayetteville will be one of the choicest recollections of my years.

When I got back, I sat down and wrote Meaney in priase of what he and the A. F. of L., and you in the local unions are doing.

A real pleasure to get to know you and to feel that contact with southern Louisiana. And with every whiff of dark roast, the whole Mitchell family will sit themselves up as Louisianians.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - GSM's personal check for $3.60

July 29, 1955

Mr. Floyd W. Crawford
409 Edgecombe Avenue
New York 32, N.Y.

Dear Floyd:

I am here in Atlanta this summer and I did not get your letter until I went home last week. I am sending the requested recommendation and hope that you will receive a satisfactory offer.

Some time ago, I talked to Dr. Mallilieu and he left me under the impression that he would seek to get funds for your employment at the university. I don't know what happened to his request.

If I get to New York before the end of August, I will look you up. Meanwhile, you may reach me at the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc

July 29, 1955

Mr. George Meaney
President
American Federation of Labor
A. F. of L. Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meaney:

I am newly back from a week with the Southwestern A.F. of L. Labor School at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and this week's one for the Southeastern states at Charlottesville, Virginia.

The very warmest congratulations to you and to the Federation, as well as to the Southern officials involved in the two schools.

The Southwestern one was quite remarkable for the flexibility and stretch of mind of the participants. My job at both schools was to teach the delicate matters involved in a course on Southern economic problems. Your Southwestern group had scarcely an objector among their number, and in a free for all discussion, one of the evenings, they delighted me and others present with their purpose to lend their assistance as individuals and as local union officials to a process of reasonable compliance with the Supreme Court's decision on segregation in the public schools.

The Charlottesville one had its sticky members. I would judge that about a third of those present were unconvinced by the four days of teaching and discussion. But no one lost his temper and quite a number let me know at the end of the course that they "saw things differently."

I was delighted with a suggestion by Paul Sanders, from Vanderbilt University, who taught labor law. He said, "You are teaching Southern problems, ask them if they are part of the problem or part of the answer." For myself, the answer would be quite clear that by far the largest number of those who came to the two schools are a part of the answer.

Over and beyond what the schools have meant, I would like to compliment the whole A. F. of L. on the evident stepping-up of policy impulses from your office. In a hundred little ways, I could see a new sense of community responsibility from those who were present at both schools.

I am sensible that the A. F. of L. has recently honored the Southern

Regional Council with a good stiff contribution. We are the more honored because it is so plain that the A. F. of L. is broadening its role in the life of the country.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 1, 1955

Mr. Marion W. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Since Harold is on vacation, I am taking the liberty of mailing you a copy of your letter concerning the legal reporting service.

Harold mailed a copy of this letter to Adam Yarmolinsky. I liked the idea very much.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mammoth Caves, with best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

August 1, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Here is a recent quarterly report from the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 1, 1955

Miss Sophie Van S. Thies
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Thies:

Here is a recent quarterly report from the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 1, 1955

Dr. Earl R. Brown
Division of National Missions
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

Here is a recent quarterly report from the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 1, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Here is a recent quarterly report from the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. This white marble temple was completed in 1922. The immense sculptured figure of Lincoln is floodlighted at night. The massive statues facing the Memorial were a gift from the Italian people.

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Wolfeboro, N.H.

This is a wonderful place - the lake at our door, the water clear and not too cold, the weather perfect - the best possible vacation

Best to y'all,
Kate

ADDRESS

Staff
Southern Regional
Council -
Rm. 432 - 63 Auburn
ave.
Atlanta,
Ga -

August 1, 1955

Mr. Ross Forney
2705 Hawes Street
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Forney:

Miss Almita Robinson has indicated that you are interested in the meeting we are calling here in Atlanta August 10-11. The purpose of the meeting, as you will see from the enclosed invitation, is to get reactions to certain proposals for the further usefulness of the Council in Southern region.

If you can find it profitable to attend, we will be very happy to have you with us.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc

August 1, 1955.

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Brimm:

Before Harold left on his vacation, he asked me to acknowledge your letter of July 27.

Indeed we can see you are "on the trail" and we do appreciate it.

If I can be of any help to you the next two weeks while Harold is on vacation, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

August 1, 1955

Mr. Mozell L. Hill
911 Whittier Hall
Teachers College
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mozell:

We are having a little meeting here in Atlanta on August 10 and 11 for the purpose of getting reactions form a few people to the program of the Southern Regional Council.

I hope you can get back in time to Atlanta to attend some of the sessions. I have benefited greatly from Hylan Lewis's suggestions about the planning and organization of the conference. We expect to get fruitful ideas regarding staff expansion. If you think of any points we should consider, drop me a note.

I hope your Columbia experience has been a pleasant one.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc
Enc.

August 1, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Buford Road
Bon Air, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Since Harold is now on vacation, I am answering his letters for him.

We appreciate the work you have done in ministerial associations. We will appreciate any additional information you may come across.

If I can be of any help to you the next two weeks while Harold is on vacation, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assist

JC/vc

August 1, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Since Harold is now on vacation, the pleasant task of answering your letter has fallen to me.

We are looking forward to yourorder of New South as you indicate in your letter.

Since we are printing the Florence editorial in New South, I do not see a great deal of need for your reprinting it anyway.

If I can be of any help to you while Harold is away for the next two weeks, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assist.

JC/vc

August 1, 1955

Miss Almita S. Robinson
American Friends Service Committee
2600 Flora Street
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Miss Robinson:

We are very sorry you cannot be with us August 10-11. We would like you to know that in selecting persons to attend the conference, we had made no effort at agency representation. All the people who will be there will come as individuals who have some knowledge and experience in the Southern states.

On that basis, we have extended an invitation to Ross Forney which, we hope, he will be able to accept.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc
Enc. Copy of the letter to Mr. Ross Forney.

August 1, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Harold said he told you about the small meeting we are planning for August 10-11. I am sure we will get some helpful suggestions on the problem of central office staffing and the kind of services we can offer to state organizations.

Although a blanket invitation is being sent to all members of the program planning and executive committees, I would like to add this personal note to urge your attendance if at all possible.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc

August 2, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loescher:

In the absence of Dr. Mitchell, I am taking the liberty of apprising you of a small conference which we are having on August 10th and 11th, as per the enclosed.

Dr. Mitchell intended to write you about it, so that if you felt disposed to come to it you would know in time to make the necessary arrangements. Evidently he forgot about it before he left, and I forgot to mention it to him.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/eab
Encl.

August 2, 1955.

Mr. G. McLeod Bryan
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mac:

I had expected to hear from you prior to this about the meeting of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen at Black Mountain, North Carolina. I understand that the meeting takes place the week of August 15 through 20 or perhaps even through 27 - a two weeks period.

You will recall that I had promised to spend a day with the group some place along the way. Since I have not heard from you as to a specific date, I should like to come up and be with you on Friday, August 19. Just prior to this, August 16, 17 and the morning of August 18, I will be at a meeting of SRC's executive committee at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. I could drive over to Black Mountain the afternoon of the 18 and be with you Friday 19, and drive back here on Saturday. I hope this meets with the schedule you had set up. Please write and confirm.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 2, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
309 West 21st St.
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

Thank you for the report on the formation of Citizens Councils in East Texas. I found the report most interesti in that you are doing a good job in being on the spot. Certainly if a group such as the United Church Womenof Texas could meet in Kilgore, it would be helpful in off-setting the damaging influence of the Citizens Councils.

Keep us informed of all developments. It was good to hear that Governor Shivers is backing away from his rabid pro-segregation stand.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 2, 1955

Father Roland Bordelon
St. Alphonsus Church
P.O. Box 236
Hessmer, Louisiana

Dear Father:

George Mitchell advises me that you will be in the Atlanta area August 8 and 9. We would be very pleased here at the central office if you could stop by the morning of Tuesday 9, and we would be glad to hold conversations with you about current developments in Louisiana and the South, and about the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 2, 1955.

Mr. Paul H. Christopher
Congress of Industrial Organizations
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

George is out of the office at the present time and I am taking the liberty of answering your letter to him. We are very heartened by your prpposal to raise $2 from 49 different people and contribute $2 yourself so that you raise $100 for the Southern Regional Council. Investment of interest usually goes with investment of money and therefore this is a most worthwhile technique of creating further interest in the work we are doing among a wider group of people.

May I suggest that in addition to the $2 that these people will contribute, you might ask them to become members of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations for our state affiliate is in need of an increased membership. The address of the Tennessee office is: Mr. Clarence Hughes, Room 420 Jackson Building, Cherry and 7th Sts, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Best wished and personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 2, 1955

Dr. Ambrose Caliver
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Caliver:

In Dr. Mitchell's absence, I am answering your letter to him requesting the list of key people on our committees in the various Southern states in order that you might inform them of the availability of the packet and kit on intergroup education.

The list is made up of SRC board members, our staff people and officers of state organizations boards across the South. If you would desire a more extensive list, we could provide you with the names of all of the board members of the state organizations.

As a former professor of Human Relations at the University of Miami, I am deeply interested in the type of service your office is offering to communities who seek to meet their responsibilities at this time of social transition. You may not recall it but I met you back about 1950 when I was a doctoral student at New York University Center for Human Relations studies.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
Enss.

August 3, 1955

AIR MAIL

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Dr. Mitchell is out of town -- to return on Friday of this week -- and I thought that I would write you in answer to your letter about transportation to the Executive Committee Meeting August 16, 17, and 18, at Mammoth Cave Hotel, Kentucky.

Eastern Air Lines has a Flight 598 which leaves New Orleans at 10:45 a.m., and arrives in Birmingham, Alabama at 12:50 p.m. Once in Birmingham, you can catch the same flight on which will be the bulk of the Atlanta people; Flight 162, which leaves Birmingham at 2:15 p.m., and arrives in Bowling Green, Kentucky at 4:31 p.m. Mr. C. H. Parrish expects to meet that plane, or to arrange for it to be met, so that we will have transportation on to the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

I send this on in Dr. Mitchell's absence so that you might make early reservations.

A reservation has been made in your name at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

August 3, 1955

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This letter has reference to our telephone conversation of yesterday, at which time you asked me to check on plane reservations from Charleston, South Carolina, to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Delta Air Lines has a Flight 471 leaving Charleston, South Carolina at 9:45 a.m., and arriving in Atlanta at 11:57 a.m. From Atlanta you would catch the same flight as the rest of the Atlanta members of the Executive Committee; Eastern Air Lines' Flight 162, leaving at 1:30 p.m., which stops briefly at Birmingham, Alabama, and then on to arrive in Bowling Green, Kentucky at 4:31 p.m. Mr. C. H. Parrish expects to meet that plane, or to arrange for it to be met, so that we will have transportation on to the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

A reservation has been made in your name at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

P. S. Please give me a call if you would like me to make plane reservations for you.

August 3, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mrs. Bessie McDaniel
Reservation Clerk
Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. McDaniel:

This confirms our telephone conversation of yesterday re the addition of two single rooms to our previous reservation of eight double rooms, thus raising the total number of rooms reserved for the Southern Regional Council to ten.

We expect to assemble for dinner at 6:00, August 17th, and to be served with all meals through breakfast on the morning of the 18th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

P. S. I enclose a list of persons expected to attend our meetings who will be staying at the hotel.

Note: The room assignments below might prove to be tentative -- but for all practical purposes I list them as follows:

1. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell, Atlanta, Georgia

2. Mr. and Mrs. James Birnie, Atlanta, Georgia

3. Mr. C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Ky., - Mr. A. W. Dent, New Orleans, La.

4. Mr. Frederick B. Routh, Atlanta, Ga., - Mr. John Constable, Atlanta, Georgia

5. Mr. H. C. Fleming, Atlanta, Ga., - Mr. John Griffin, Atlanta, Georgia

6. Mr. Carter Wesley, Houston, Tex., - Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn.

7. Father Maurice V. Shean, C. O., Rock Hill, S. C., - Mr. Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, North Carolina.

8. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga. - Miss Josephine Wilkins, Atlanta, Ga.

9. Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Atlanta, Georgia

10. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley, Georgia

August 3, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mrs. Janet Crittenden
1537 Caswell Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet:

Delicious headline! The story softens and takes back much of what the headline says, but hereabouts we accustom ourselves to indirection, and I suppose the momentum of desegregation will slowly overcome many of the objectors. Anyway, I do appreciate seeing it, and I am proud of Wake County for coming through with a brave final intent.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
/Signed in his absence.

August 3, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Every now and then, when there was a chance, I have talked with Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley and Mr. Gunnar Dybwad about their plan for getting parent education going here and there in the South.

Dybwad now writes me that they are asking the Field Foundation for some money. I notice in the letter to me that they are hoping that the state groups of the Southern Regional Council can find money for local institutes. I don't think my state groups will have any money or would actually contract for discussion meetings. But we, and our state groups, would be anxious to work with the Child Study Association toward picking good places for them to try out what they know.

The real point is that the great majority of Southern white parents are perplexed by the contrast between what Southern folklore has taught them, and what a wider understanding of educational processes has taught parents in the rest of the country about segregation in the schools. When you are perplexed about your ideas, you are likely to be willing to take on some new ones. I thought that if people came in with a detached and scientific attitude to find out what the present reactions are and to test more modern ones, that would do some good. Many objectors to desegregation are vaguely aware that some good educational arguments for unsegregated schools do float around. But they have never heard those arguments ingeniously put, and so they have no chance of picking them up.

To me that seems the usefulness of what the Child Study Association wants to do.

We would help them all we can, which is with a knowledge of the South and of the people who would be sympathetic. I think it is a project likely to be quite helpful, and I hope the Field Foundation will like it too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

bc: Mr. Gunnar Dybwad
GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. Wilbur Ferry
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ping:

I have been conferring off and on with Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Dybwad of the Child Study Association, and Mrs. Bradley writes me the other day that they have asked the Fund for the Republic for some help.

All I know is that Southern parents, and particularly white parents, are puzzled about the difference between their outlook on unsegregated schools and the outlook of the rest of the country. As the old explanations and prejudices (which sustained the normal Southern white view) are so obviously called into question, a good many people are reaching out for a more modern explanation of what the educational process is and what should be the relationship of parents to it, and what is the importance to education of having it unsegregated.

Informed modern discussion would be widely welcomed, and could rapidly replace (these things run by word of mouth) much unsubstantial folklore.

I thought that these people, with their detachment, and their careful professional interest in bringing modern thought to bear on the problem, had a pretty good chance of filling the void with an understanding attitude.

All we could help on would be showing them placed suitable to go to, and trying to get them invited in. And we would work with them closely on that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
bc: Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
Enc.

August 3, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter we have just received in this office from a Mr. Lester within your fair state.

I think it might be worthwhile to check up on this fellow and find out what his interests are. The Wheatlys who are also cotton brokers might know him for that is his business according to his letterhead. Please advise us of what you may discover.

We answered his letter and told him the source of our information was the news article in the Atlanta Journal.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
Enc.

August 3, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Letts
The Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church
231 Madison at 37th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Thank you for your order of our pamphlet, "Answers for Action." They have been mailed and should be received in the next few days.

We are not considering a pamphlet solely on desegregation at this time. We do,however, have an article on the implementing ruling of the Supreme Court in the revised edition of "Changing Patterns of the New South." I am enclosing a copy of the promotion leaflet for that publication.

Also, our June issue of New South carried several articles concerning implementation; and our July-August combined edition (which will be available in a few days) will have additional articles. We have a few of the June issues still on hand (about 200) and will have quite a few of the July-August issues for sale. I enclose a copy of the June issue.

If you are interested in any other publications of the Council (a publication list is enclosed), please write us.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

August 3, 1955

Mr. L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Many thanks for writing about the hundred. I am sure it will come through from you one way or another.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. Stanton L. Wormley
Acting Director
The Summer School
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wormley:

Many thanks for the check for $80.01, which duly came through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. Joseph Mire
Executive Secretary
Inter-University Labor Education Committee
1303 University Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Joe:

Will be grateful for the book. Had wanted to read it and hadn't had the money to buy it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. Garner M. Lester
P. O. Box 369
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Lester:

Your letter of August 1, 1955, concerning an article in New South has been referred to me.

The section of the article to which you asked about was based on a news story that appeared in the Atlanta Journal, June 14, 1955.

The article was as follows:

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C., June 14 (AP)--College students from nine Southeastern states meeting at this Methodist Assembly Center are on record against all forms of racial discrimination.

A resolution adopted unanimously by 375 delegates from 90 colleges and universities pledged support of the Supreme Court's rulings against segregated public schools, and called for an end to rules barring Negroes from swimming here.

The Assembly is owned and operated as summer program headquarters of the Southeastern jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

If we can be of further aid to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

August 3, 1955

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
The Butler Street YMCA
22Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

How's Wednesday, October 19th, for me to do a speak-say at the Hungry Club?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. Clifton E. King
Representative
Int. Bro. of Paper Makers
P. O. Box 386
Bogalusa, Louisiana

Dear Brother King:

Sweetest ride I ever took.

Very many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. C. M. Shaw
Secretary-Treasurer
Shreveport Trades & Labor Council
3427 Jackson Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I would never have made it without your help and King's.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

August 3, 1955

Mr. Richard B. Stephenson
1502 Locust Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

John Feild is a good guy, and so I doubt not are you. Sorry always when a good guy is trying to find a way to hook his talents into progress; persist and you will.

We get no farther west than Texas, and haven't even had funds to reach into Oklahoma. But things are happening in New Mexico and Arizona; I should think your friends at the University of New Mexico would be the best bet for things in your line.

Meanwhile, if you ever reach Atlanta, I would be glad to do a counseling job, and help as best I could to steer you toward what you would like.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 3, 1955

Mr. J. Henry Smith
Tuskegee General Alumni Association
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Smith:

Delighted to come Saturday evening, September 3rd. I assume you are going to pay my (modest) expenses over and back, and hope the Association can find some helpful honorarium or donation to the Council. Fifty or a hundred dollars would be most welcome, but I am happy to come in any case, and don't have to get a donation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mr. Abner Nash Locklear
Maxton,
North Carolina

Dear Abner:

The people at the Government Affairs Institute wrote me that Jaipaul appears in some way to have been quite rude to whoever was being kind enough to take him out to the airport. I don't know what it is all about, but I trust you and your friends to be understanding in these difficult international hookups.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

August 4, 1955

Mr. Christopher Mercer
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I am afraid that my answers to your letter of July 29 will not be altogether satisfactory in terms of the 6 questions you have raised. The whole idea of distribution of New South to key pepple in the states is that later there would be some approach to these people either in terms of large contributions or hope for change of attitude with respect to the desegregation of the schools.

This plan has not been carried out consistently in Kentucky. We sent New South to the members of the Governor's commission on desegregation and the state board of education, a few superintendents and Chamber of Commerce people scattered over the state.

In direct response to your questions, the following statements might made:

1. There has been no consistent basis for the selection of persons to receive New South.
2. The only preparation deemed necessary was the covery letter o which described briefly the work of the state Council and expressed the hope that the recipient would find New South useful.
3. The goals we sought to achieve were good will, understanding and perhaps later financial support.
4. It is too early to measure results of the program.
5. The method of follow up will be varied, either another letter or a personal visit may suffice.
6. You will have to determine the advisability of attempting a project of this sort in Arkansas.

I will be glad to tald with youabout this when you come to Atlanta next week.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

CHP/vc

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Miss Ada B. Huncke
Public Relations Representative
Illinois Public Aid Commission
Room 2000, 160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Miss Huncke:

You were just as kind as could be to send the slide. I took it right home to my wife, who says that it is very nice, and she is delighted.

Loula Dunn is my old friend, and I am delighted to be at her side at the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco.

Come down to Atlanta and come to see the Mitchells, and the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Goodness knows I don't expect you to dig into Guy Johnson's private pocketbook and find $100 for SRC! You have served your time in doing that! Help out the North Carolina group and we will all be grateful.

I had pro forma to send the letter out and it went to you. But worry not: help when and where you can as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Hollis:

Thanks a lot for writing July 22nd about the hundred dollars. We don't expect that absolutely everybody can get it put together, but we will need the sum that such gifts would raise, and will need it before the end of the fiscal year.

I was at the University of Virginia last week, and was delighted to see the plaque in the Alderman Library which showed that you were chairman of the Committee of the Board of Visitors which saw it through. I explored the building with care, and was delighted with its every feature.

The long downstairs room, now air-conditioned, was stuffed full of students diligently reading away.

Had pleasant conversation with Mr. Dalton, the librarian.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence
GSM/eab

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mr. Edward A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological
Seminary
Wake Forrest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McDowell:

I had pro forma the duty of writing all the Board members about the matter of the $100. Of course we well understand that quite a number of the Board members simply won't be in position to get the sum together. But we will still hope that some opportunity may come along, because it is pressingly necessary for us to get in an extra two or three thousand before the end of the fiscal year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 4, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Your wording is perfect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell 8/1/
Signed in his absence.)

Dictated August 1 August 4, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Very few South Carolina people seem to have come to the CIO conference I talked to in July at Junaluska, or at the A. F. of L. one I talked to in July at Charlottesville. Both groups were a little sticky, but I would say that two-thirds of each group were trying to come around to the better side of the question.

If I had any news to give you I would, but there seems to be next to no South Carolina people who attended either one.

I am looking forward to a chance to talk to you about how the labor people are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 4, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is to acknowledge your letter to Harold Fleming concerning Miss Florence Irving. We had previously received a similar letter from Dr. Rufus E. Clement. I am pleased that Miss Irving will be working with us. I think she will be a definite asset to our work.

Also thanks for the editorial from the Florence Morning News. We are using the editorial from the Florence newspaper, which you previously sent, in the next issue of New South. I think it is a good one.

As to the other suggestions in your letter, I leave until Harold returns.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

Executive Committee Meeting August 16-18, 1955

August 4, 1955

RESERVATIONS MADE FOR:

John Constable

Harold Fleming

Grace Towns Hamilton - Open return from Louisville

Elizabeth Brantley

EASTERN AIR LINES' FLIGHT 162, leaving Atlanta August 16th at 1:30 p.m., arriving Bowling Green, Kentucky, at 4:31 p.m. Mr. Parrish to arrange for transportation from Bowling Green to the Mammoth Cave Hotel. (Telephone Glasgow 561)

EASTERN AIR LINES' FLIGHT 185, leaving Bowling Green August 18th at 4:05 Central Standard Time, arriving Atlanta at 8:20 p.m.

cc: Mr. Parrish
Mrs. Alexander

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I am sorry, I just slipped up on that business of my going out to Fayetteville July 17-21. In some queer way, I thought word would have got to you. I acknowledge that I should have let you know long ahead of time.

Had a good time in Fayetteville. Saw very few friends in Fayetteville; Caldwell, and almost no one else. Stephen Stephan was away. Did go to see the principal of the high school in Fayetteville, a nice guy named Wayne Wright. He said that everything had gone just perfectly.

They had one Negro boy and five Negro girls in the school year, 1954-1955. And the second semester the student council elected the boy to it, and one of the girls, at least, got elected to the choir, which seems to be quite an honor.

I will do my best to see to it that you get first dibbs on Irene Osborne.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 5, 1955

Mr. J. Edwin Smith
Scanlan Building
Main at Preston
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Warmest thanks for your letter.

Here is where we stand. The Fund for the Republic on April 1, 1954, forecast a total grant to the Southern Regional Council during the coming three and a half years of $500,000. Of that sum they made available $240,000, to be used in the eighteen months ending September 30, 1955. That was to get twelve Southern state organizations going, and a modest sum for running the central office. Each state was required to raise $1,800 itself, during its first year, and the central office has to raise $40,000. We have got eleven state organizations going with staff (the twelfth should start now any day), and they have nearly all done promisingly about raising their quotas of local funds. We in Atlanta have somewhat surpassed the $40,000 we had to raise (though even with that we are pinched for getting through to the end of the period). Correspondence with the Fund for the Republic has given us permission to promise to the states for the coming year nearly all of the sums not used by them as a consequence (in some cases) of late starts with staff. So the formalities are by way of being complied with pretty well.

Now comes a problem put upon us by time and circumstance. When we first began to seek help from the Ford Foundation (1951) there seemed likely to be time to get strong state groups going and trained for taking up their full load, BEFORE the decision of the Supreme Court would be made, and the problem would be upon the South. In the event, though the grant from the Fund for the Republic was generous, it was in timing unavoidably telescoped into the actual problem-period (grant made April, 1954; Decision May, 1954). It has taken us the intervening period to get state staffs organized. They in turn in these months of pressing need for their actual services must put in time (and a lot of it) on firming their own base in each state — members, boards, committees, staff, links with other groups in their states. We in the central office carry a responsibility for the South to help the new state groups acquire rapidly all the known

techniques of this difficult and intricate job of school integration. Shortly put, we originally asked for funds enough simply to organize state groups; now in a hurry we need to give them the skills the situation demands. We have funds enough promised from the Fund for the Republic to do the first job, but we will ask them for some more to enable the second job to be picked up at once and pressed through. It is no great sum, but it will make possible skilled solutions.

We here, and each of the states, continue to have a pressing local fund-raising job, and we are not shirking it. But in the present situation, we are hoping that the Fund for the Republic will wish to step up moderately its effort through the Council.

We will be deeply grateful for your efforts in having the need and the method understood.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Mr. Manning Diggs
Ro te 2, Box 124
Rembert, S.C.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter requesting a questionnaire on integration, I am sorry but we do not have any prepared questionnaire on this subject.

It is doubtful if any one wo ld have a questionnaire as specific as this. It would probably depend greatly on the people for whom this questionnaire was intended. I should think any specific questions to which you are seeking answer could be mineographed and mailed out.

Again, I am sorry we have not been able to help you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

August 5, 1955

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Dick:

While I have been gone, my secretary talked with Mr. E. J. Brantley, the Registrar at Clark, about Miss Bessent's problem. It is entirely cared for now, and the transcript has been sent to her. The hitch was that some payment to the college was outstanding on the books of Clark College against Miss Bessent's account. But the sum has now been paid, and she has been sent the transcript.

We are all grateful to you for behaving like Dick Daniel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Dr. R. O. Cornett
127 Ninth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cornett:

August 31st is all right. And I will hope to see you that day.

For the time being I remain free on September 1st, but do not promise to hold it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Mr. Jimmie Jones
A. F. of L.
1291 N. E. 145th Street
North Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Jones:

This confirms my wire of this morning, saying that I would be at your service October 22nd.

I trust it has been understood all along that your group would cover my expenses in travelling to Miami and back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

We have put together a selection of such news stories as have reached us about the expanded work of the Council here and in the states.

I send on a copy early, hoping that you will have opportunity to make appropriate use of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 5, 1955

Mr. Wilson L. Farman
Associate Professor of Economics
Colgate University
Hamilton, New York

Dear Mr. Farman:

October 10 to October 12 at the Library of Georgia Tech is all right, and I will come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alex:

I am just back from two and a half days of the National Seminar of Methodist Women at Kansas City.

ADL sent out from its Philadelphia office, Mrs. Harrison.

I thought you would like to hear that, in my judgment she handled herself with outstanding tact, informativeness, and persuasiveness. There were one or two spots at which she was under pressure, and she was effective and winning in her courtesy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Miss Esther C. Stamats
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I promised you a list of towns as to which we have some evidence that citizen's committees have been impaneled by school boards, such committees being composed of persons of both races.

The attached is not by any means conclusive, but it is as many towns as we have documentary evidence of.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 5, 1955

Harper's Magazine
49 E. 33rd St.
New York 16, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In your December, 1945 issue of Harper's Magazine, you had an article entitled :"Race Riots Can Be Prevented", by E. A. Gray Jr.

Would you please send us a copy of this particular issue and bill us for it? We would like permission to mimeograph 15 copies of this article to distribute to our state affiliated organizations which work in the field of race relations in the Southern states. We believe it would be of considerable help to them in these times of tension.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 5, 1955

California State Printing Office
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

In 1945, your office printed a report entitled "The Interim Report of Peace Officers Committee on Civil Disturbance". This was produced by the Governor's peace officers committee.

Would please send us 15 copies of the report and bill us for them? We want to distribute them to our state affiliated organizations across the South and believe that they would be of considerable help to them in these times of transition and tensions.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 5, 1955

Public Affairs Committee
22 E 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please send us 15 copies each of the two Public Affairs pamphlets listed below:

87 "Why Race Riots?", Earl Brown
107 "Race Riots Aren't Necessary", Alfred M. Lee

Please bill us for these pamphlets when you send them. We want to distribute them to our state affiliated organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 5, 1955

The Right Reverend R. R. Claiborne
2744 Peachtree Road, N. E.
The Cathedral
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Claiborne:

Nothing is so helpful to the Christian cause as for Christian leaders to speak forthrightly on matters of conscience.

The warmest gratitude to you for your clear and firm statement on the matter of the scandalous efforts of the State Board of Education to threaten Negro teachers.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1955

Miss Margaret Bender
Woman's Division of Christian Service
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Bender:

Safely back, and still cheered by the energy and good purposes of the group at Kansas City.

I find that my calendar has been since December, 1954, marked to hold for teaching service at Clark College October 12, 13, 14, and 15. This is at the request of Muriel Day of the Woman's Division. The note also says that I can use others on my staff for some of the teaching. I suggest that you find out just what her requirements are, and perhaps it will work out for me to each an hour or two a day for her on the 12th and 13th, fly up to New York for your meeting on the 14th and 15th, putting others (quite good) in my place here at Clark. But she has the command of my time, and I will do whatever she wishes. Just let me know what you discover they are!

I find I got you to overpay me by $7.79, for my expenses. The step-up in the plane fare was less than I had feared. So here is our check for the difference.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA

August 8, 1955

Mr. David S. Burgess
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dave:

Good to hear from you.

The three trade union officials from India hit Atlanta at a time when SRC is having a string of meetings, and indeed on August 16th, 17th, and 18th nearly all the staff will be away at an Executive Committee meeting in Kentucky. And we are going to hopping around on the 19th, putting together a request for next year's money. It would be best for my purposes if they and their conductor would come to see me in the course of Sunday, August 14th. I expect to be at home, and if they would come out there we could have peace and quiet, and get some teaching done.

Try to work that out if you can. But if that isn't possible, we will squeeze them in on Monday, August 14th, or later on some way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 8, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mrs. Fara M. Darland
520 West Adams
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Darland:

I find I can't bring my wife with me because of illness in her family. Which means I won't drive, which means I will fly. And I get to Flagstaff by Frontier airlines at 9:45 p.m., Sunday, August 21st. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I'll simply come on out to Arizona State College, and hope for a bed!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 8, 1955.

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait
6101 Louisville
New Orleans 24, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwait:

I have received the Gleanings from the New Orleans meeting and hope to get them back to you this week.

Please advise me if and when you will have a state meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

August 8, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I hope your plans are developing for the state meeting of Church Women on the Supreme Court Decision. As I told you, we have $200 for you to use in helping pay the way of your key women to the Conference.

I think you have the report from the Southwide meeting. That gives you an idea of what the meeting could be. I would like to hear from you very quickly so that my dates could be cleared to be with you.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc

cc/ Mrs. TommieB. Stroud

August 8, 1955

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

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MET/vc

cc/ Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Dr., Houston, Texas

August 8, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

Mrs. Brantley is redoing the list of members of the Board. It seems to me that Mantinband is the Chairman, if only in a formal sense, and that therefore Mantinband is the ex-officio member.

Note also that Mantinband is an elected member of the Board in the class of 1955. I have no record showing that Brunini is an elected member of the Board.

I do not think that we should make it a practice ordinarily to treat as ex-officio members of the Board, persons who are temporarily chairman of the state organizations. It seems to me, therefore, that as of this date Mantinband is a member of the Board, elected as well as ex-officio. I would show him as an ordinary elected member, omitting any reference to the ex-officio status.

It seems to me than that Brunini's name is incorrectly on the list, and should be deleted.

My recollection is, as to Emerson Smith, that we treated him as ex-officio a member of the Board during the period when his organization in Virginia was substitute for our own organization. Now that we have our own organization, I am pretty clear that Emerson Smith is off the Board ex-officio, and I have no record of his being an elected member of the Board.

Obviously Carroll Brooke is correctly carried as ex-officio a member of the Board.

I think we would do very well to elect Emerson Smith to the Board.

August 8, 1955.

Mr. Bob Hughes
Moore Building Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Have received your letter of August 6 and am glad to hear that you have a new secretary, whose name I assume is only coincidently Hughes (you can chuckle here). From what you say of her, she seems a highly competent person and if you and your committee are convinced that she is on the right side of this particular question, then certainly we give our approval to her being hired.

I think it was wise that you let Miss McDonald go and I agree with you and your board that she is not due any bonus from the $2,500. As you say, her work was mediocre and she was far from competent, and a bonus beyond normal salary is a reward for good service.

Anne Queen's address in Atlanta is: Box 366, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, but she leaves here August 19. Her home address is: 335 McIver Street, Greensboro, North Carolina.

The check that Katherine Stoney sent you for $1,000 with C.H. back in July is the balance of Alabama funds -under salary- for the fiscal year ending October 1st. All of it and whatever else you raise will cover rent, travel, communications and other state expenses.

Would you check by the office of the Montgomery Advertiser and see if you could dig up a copy of the editorial written about the situation of teachers and the Georgia Board of Education. We understand it is a good one and would like a copy of it.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 8, 1955

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Ruby:

Thank you for checking on Mr. Garner M. Lester for us. We did not know on "which side of the fence" he was located and your information is more than helpful.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 8, 1955

r. John G. Feild
ational Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
65 North Erie Street
oledo 2, Ohio

Dear John:

Received your memo of August 5 regarding a letter to Albert Cole, the Housing and Home Finance Director and think it is imperative that a letter be sent. Whenever political considerations are placed above professional competence, it is time for professional associations such as N.A.I.R.O. to take direct action in the form of recommendations to the proper authority.

I wholeheartedly endorse our taking action in this case.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

MUTILATED PAGE (s)

August 8, 1955.

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Ruby:

C.H. Parrish and I are taking a swing through the Southern Midwestern states the week of August 22-26. We will be in Jackson, Mississippi, the morning of Monday, August 22.

Would be kind enough to call together the executive committee of the Mississippi Council and also Mrs. G. A. Burt the new associate executive director.

We look forward to seeing you them.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 8, 1955.

r. Nat Griswold
11 Izard St.
ittle Rock, Arkansas

ear Nat:

C. H. Parrish and I are making a swing of the Southern idwestern states the week of August 22-26 and will be in ittle Rock Tuesday, August 23. We could talk with any chool people you have in mind at that time.

I would also like the opportunity of meeting with the xecutive committee of the Arkansas Council that day if t is possible.

We will talk with Chris Mercer while he is here about the developments in Arkansas so that we will be better prepared when we arrive.

We look forward to seeing you then August 23,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

MUTILATED PAGE (s)

August 8, 1955

Mrs. Richard E. Amacher
900 McNutt Street
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Amacher:

You are quite right: your letter ought really to reach Griswold, and I have sent it on to him.

A very able young fellow, Mr. Christopher Mercer, is Associate Executive Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. He has been a lawyer at Pine Bluff and is now full-time with the Arkansas Council. I am in hope that it will work out for him to be your speaker.

If every you are in Atlanta, do come to see us; we would like to get to know you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Nat Griswold
and original incoming ltr.
gj 8/3/55,

August 8, 1955

PLEASE FORWARD

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

I don't know what happened, but I am all for you and your friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

August 8, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

George Mitchell has asked me to send you some of the mimeographed material that has been put out by our affiliated state organizations. I enclose it herewith and have added two other things I thought might be of interest to you: one is a speach by SRC President Marion A. Wright to the National Committee for Rural Schools and the other a short piece called Human Relation Councils in the South which describes our efforts to activate 12 states.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
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August 8, 1955

Right Reverend Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini
P. O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Msgr. Brunini:

We are grateful for your letter of August 5th with your appraisal of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

My humblest apologies for the error in the list of the Board of Directors. We are destroying the remaining copies and issuing a new one with that correction and one or two others.

Our list included you as a member of the Board ex-officio by reason of your temporary chairmanship of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, in the absence of the Rabbi. I think we should not follow the practice of listing as ex-officio Board members persons who are temporary chairmen (there is another case in Tennessee).

I am a little unclear as to Rabbi Mantinband's status anent our Board. He is an elected member in the class whose terms are up in 1955. But last year when we were searching for new members, we took advantage of the fact that the Rabbi held duplicate membership on the Board (once as elected and once as ex-officio), and filled a putative vacancy for his elected membership.

I suppose that the best thing to do is to continue to treat him as a member ex-officio until and if the Mississippi Council notifies us of any other arrangement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 8, 1955.

Mr. Simeon Booker
Jet Magazine
1820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Mr. Booker:

I was glad to be of small assistance in the Georgia feature article for Jet. I am interested in your proposed jaunt through the South.

I am enclosing a list of our state organizations and suggest that you might call on them for information about local conditions in the several states. I would also suggest that you contact Father Foley, S.G., at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama and Father Maurice Shean, Box 895, Rock Hill, South Carolina for some added information about what is being done in local areas.

If we can be of any further help to you, please feel free to call on us.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
Enc. Listof State Organizations

August 9, 1955

Mr. Milton Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
NewOrleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

C.H. Parrish and I are taking a swing out through your part of the country and will be in New Orleans on Friday, August 26.

Would you please arrange a morning meeting that day with your executive committee so that we might sit down with them and talk about program planning and developments for Louisiana?

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 9, 1955.

Mrs. J. E. Rigby
1440 Brightridge Dr.
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Rigby;

In regard to your letter of August 3, I am sending you figures, White and Negro population in the states under your jurisdiction. These figures are the 1940-1950 census figures, and they are taken from the Statistical Abstracts of the United States.

The state affiliates of the Southern Regional Council can furnish you with any pamphlet distributed by the Southern Regional Council, and any additional material they print from ~~town~~ land to ~~town~~ land. They are concerned directly with race relations in their specific states and will be able to furnish you with direct information concerning these states.

In regard to rulings on local ordinances concerning nonsegregated meetings, I know of no ~~local~~ legal interpretation concerning the legality of these ordinances. For specific ordinances, I suggest you write to state directors.

In regard to books on race relations, following are the most important ones:

"An American Dilemma", by Gunnar Myrdal (Harper Bros)
"The More Perfect Union" by R. M. McIver
"Societies Around the World" (2 vol.) by Sanders, Schwendeman & Woodbury
"Schools in Transition" by Williams & Ryan
"Race Relations" by Brown
"The Strange Career of Jim Crow" by C. Vann Woodward.

If I can be of additional help to you, please do not hesitate to write again.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

SOURCE: STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1954

	1940		1950	
	White	Negro	White	Negro
Alabama	1,849,097	083,290	2,079,591	979,617
Mississippi	1,106,327	1,074,578	1,188,632	986,494
Arkansas	1,466,084	482,578	1,481,507	426,639
Louisiana	1,511,739	849,303	1,796,683	882,428
Tennessee	2,406,906	508,736	2,760,257	530,603

August 9, 1955.

Mr. J. H. Calhoun
Acting President
Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP
201 Ashby St. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

Here are two other editorials from Georgia newspapers concerning the ruling by the Georgia Board of Education. I am very pleased with the reaction concerning the ruling.

Here also is a copy of the resolution passed by the United Church Women of Atlanta. We are receiving other editorials and I shall try to get copies made for you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

Encs. 3

August 10, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have your letter of August 8 regarding the employment of Mr. James T. McCain. I believe on the basis of the recommendation of Mr. Potts and Mr. Wether that he is a fully qualified person. His college background with a Master's Degree from Temple University is most encouraging.

I suggest that you place him on active duty as quickly as possible. August 15 might be a convenient date,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 10, 1955.

Mr. Paul Finner
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Paul:

I talked this morning with a young Negro social worker by the name of Howard Roberts; he is originally from Florida and holds a Master's Degree in social work from Atlanta University. He has had extensive community organization experience. He would make an excellent associate director. He is under consideration for that position in North Carolina, but is more interested in working in Florida. The North Carolina people feel they don't have any special "ties" on him; therefore, if you are interested, he would be available.

In the event that you are interested, he should be interviewed by the appropriate committee members of the Florida Council; I would suggest that such a meeting be held in Jacksonville, and that present to the meeting in addition to yourself could be the following board members: Mr. I. H. Burney, Jacksonville; Mr. Armwood , Jacksonville; Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Jacksonville; if possible, Mr. Taylor of Belle Glade and Mr. Davidson of Daytona Beach.

Mr. Roberts is writing to you either today or tomorrow and is sending you a resume of his background. I think it would excellent if Florida could have on its staff two qualified people representing an integrated team.

Please keep me informed of developments down there.

Best personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc

August 10, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Still rough, and the biggest part of the innards not with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

RE: MINUTES OF ALABAMA COUNCIL July 29th.

I note Gomillion's name misspelled.

The language as to the constitution and the by-laws shows no evidence of their awareness of a duty to let us approve proposed changes in their by-laws. Perhaps the legal commitment is that changes in the by-laws are valid only when approved by us. But, obviously, when they have until February, 1956 to work them over, this office should be given an opportunity to agree in advance.

Under the head of Associate Director, particularly at the top of page 2, I cannot agree with the obvious interpretation of the language "The reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by Alabama Council members in program development would come from this fund to be alloted to the districts by the Executive Committee." I think we could agree to an arrangement under which consultants as such had their expenses paid from "this fund." But I do not think that we are prepared to authorize use of that money for payment of travel expenses of any Alabama Council members who may submit expense accounts for their work in program development.

After conference, if need be, I hope you will wish to correspond with Hughes on some or all of these points.

August 10, 1955

Mr. James B. Carey
Secretary-Treasurer
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carey:

You recall that the Southern Regional Council asked the Congress of Industrial Organizations to make a contribution to the Council in the year 1955 of $1,000. On June 3rd, on authorization of the Committee on Contributions and the Executive Officers, you very kindly sent $375.

I am in hope that the CIO will supplement that grant with a further $375. Our fiscal year comes to an end September 30th, and these are particularly difficult months for us. So that if the CIO can find that sum, which will bring the total grant for 1955 up to $700, we would be exceedingly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 10, 1955.

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I have had copies of this brief made so that we might have them on file here at the office and this will give George Mitchell ample time to study the document.

I am returning herewith the copy you lent us, plus one additional copy since you said that you had but one on file.

Many thanks for its use.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
Encs. 2

August 11, 1955

Miss Marjorie Howard
Secretary to Dr. Cornett
127 Ninth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Miss Howard:

Please tell Dr. Cornett when he is available that 9:00 a.m. on the morning of August 31st is excellent, and I will be here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 12, 1955.

Mrs. A. N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

In regard to your letter of August 10 concerning copies of Lillian Smith's book, I am sorry but I do not have any more copies of the book and do not contemplate ordering any more for distribution at this time.

I am sure that you can get copies of this book at your newstand; if not, let me know and I will get you some copies from the newstand here.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistan

JC/vc

August 12, 1955.

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
624 Masonic Temple Building
1630 Fourth Avenue, N.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Ruby:

It was certainly good to see you at the Conference at Atlanta University yesterday, and we very much appreciated your contribution to its success. All of us on the SRC staff felt that we gained a great deal from that conference.

I am enclosing a list of our state officers and executive directors and chairmen in the various states and hope it will be possible for your field workers to make contacts with them and help open more widely the line of communication between our two organizations. All of us here look upon the NAACP as a true champion of democracy and a very fine professional organization which is doing an outstanding job.

Best personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/vc
Encs.

August 12, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

In connection with Loescher's call this morning, I thought it would be handy to you to have a few copies of New South available at the time of your Board meeting. I send up separately a slim package. More if any need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:

New South Feb. '54
Changing Patterns
Answers for Action
New South
Oct-Nov - '53
Feb '55 - 2 copies
Apr '55 - 2 copies
Mar '55 - 2 copies
June '55 - 2 copies
May '55 - 2 copies

August 12, 1955

RA:

On John Griffin's travel from Charleston to Mammoth Cave and back, I purchased with Mitchell's credit card, for $79.31, the ticket. Just to save issuing a check. Please charge the item to the Mammoth Cave meeting, and therefore to the state money if we do that.

eab/

August 12, 1955

Mr. J. Henry Smith
Tuskegee General Alumni Association
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Smith:

Train service being inconvenient, I will brave the holiday traffic and drive over in the course of Saturday, September 3rd, arriving at 5:00 p.m., at Dorothy Hall.

If there is a bed for me that night in Dorothy Hall, I would be delighted, but you may be so crowded that you may prefer for me to go back to Auburn or Opelika. That will be all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 15, 1955.

Mr. Christopher Mercer
211 Izard Street
Little Rock Arkansas

Dear Chris:

Finally received information on prices for map you asked about. I am afraid the price will be prohibitive. The printer tells me that 200 copies of the Arkansas portion of the map blown up two and a half times will cost $148.60. He said the 200 copies will not cost more than 100 would.

I am sorry we cannot get a better price. Let me know your thoughts on the matter.

It was pleasant seeing you at the Atlanta University Conference.

Regards to Nat.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

August 15, 1955

Mr. H. Clayton Waddell
4209 Seminary Place
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed is a copy of our publications list and a pamphlet concerning "Changing Patterns in the New South."

If we can be of further aid to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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August 15, 1955

An Original of this ltr to:

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
Mr. Emory O. Jackson
Dr. Edward K. Weaver
Mr. Whitney Young
Dr. A. N. Whiting
Mr. Harry J. Walker
Mrs. Preston Valien
Miss Irene Osborne
Mr. Christopher Mercer
Dr. Francis S. Manis
Mr. Lewis Jones
Dr. Lewis Killian
Mr. Robert Johnson
Dr. R. O. Johnson
Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Mrs. G. T. Hamilton
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Lee Coleman

cc: of each to CHP

August 15, 1955

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Our warmest thanks to you for taking time for the meetings August 10th and 11th at A. U. It did us a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 15, 1955

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

If Fred and I missed anybody, will you please let me know, and even belatedly I'll write.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. - cc's of all Th.

August 15, 1955.

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
7 New Townlane
Charleston 50, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I just received your letter and hasten to reply.

I believe you might persuade Miss Wilson to do the job if you let her know that she will be better qualified than anyone else after the seminar she has just attended.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In charge of
Women's Work

MET/vc
Enc.

August 15, 1955

Mr. Paul H. Sanders
Professor of Law
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

They made a mistake and sent me the June, 1954, Law Review, which knocks off at page 731, whereas you wrote me that page 98! in the August, 1954 issue (which you were a'sending me) had a helpful article on the school segregation cases. I am mailing you back the one they sent, and will be most grateful for your kindness in sending to me the one you say I ought to get.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover - returning June, 1954
Law Review

August 15, 1955

Mr. Morris Hirsch
President of Hirsch Brothers
79 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

Never had any Body a firmer or more constant and helpful friend than you. We are deeply grateful for your most generous contribution to us, acknowledged herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. SRC official receipt $100

cc: Mr. Leonard Haas

August 15, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

We are deeply grateful for A. U.'s and your own very special kindness to us in being host and participant in the August 10th and 11th meetings for SRC. It did us a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Ch

August 15, 1955

Mr. Hylan Lewis
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Hy:

I add my very warmest thanks to C. H.'s for all you did to make the August 10th and 11th meetings the considerable success that they were.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Chp

August 15, 1955

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

How very kind of you to send in that helping $25.00. These requests get made for a whole Board, and I quite know that plenty of us (including your humble servant) find it more than difficult to get all the way to the line a Committee marks out! The more our appreciation of what you have done, and will try to help with in October.

We likewise praise what's going in your state! Would they were all as wise!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

August 16, 1955

Dr. Lee Coleman
Sociology Department
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Lee:

Thanks for the long clipping which I am returning. It is gratifying news.

I enjoyed seeing you at the conference at Atlanta University.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

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Encl.

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Besides authorizing the amendment, the legislature agreed to institute a

August 16, 1955.

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

I am in the office only for a couple of hours between a vacation and a trip, but judging by the tone of your letter, I thought I should send you what I could immediatly on the Nixon case. Enclosed are such clippings as we have; you might photostat any of them you need and return them to me at your convenience.

I don't have the time just now for a thorough going search for instances of violence associated with the elections of that period but if you still need it when I am back in harness next week, I'll be glad to send anything I might find.

It is a long time since you and Liz paid us a visit. Any chance for one soon?

All our best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Encs.

August 19, 1955

Mr. Francis J. Brown
Director
Committee on the Leaders Program
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Glad to help and appreciate being asked.

Here is the form.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 19, 1955

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

I am coming to New York September 27th, 28th, and 29th. Will be in the custody of Clifford Earle, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. But will infallibly come to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 19, 1955

The Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave,
Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The hotel and all its staff were kindness itself to our Southern Regional Council meeting, August 16, 17, and 18, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 19, 1955

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

I am sending you, under separate cover today, the 100 copies of SRC's promotion leaflet as you requested at the Mammoth Cave Executive Committee Meeting.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

August 19, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

Sorry not to have you for the meeting August 10th and 11th. Did you confuse that with the Executive Committee meeting at Mammoth Cave, August 16, 17, and 18? You had said by postal card that you could come, and we kept hoping for your presence and your company (and your place in the quorum!). Good meeting, with deep discussion. Minutes will come along.

I do not think an SRC mailing on the Jubilee issue would be useful to more than a small percentage of our subscribers. But if you would send me a hundred copies, I will try to get them into hands that will want to get the issue better known.

Surely you and Rock Hill are on the right track when you try to set up the Citizens' Committee.

Except dutifully, I do not press you on that $100.

I do greatly hope that as the Fall months come along I can be in your company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 22, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

In accordance with our conversation by telephone, I enclose two copies of the statement of action by the Executive Committee of the Council taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting.

Again, I am sorry that you could not be with us at the meeting. It was a pleasant one in my opinion, what with being so far removed from the hustle and bustle of Atlanta.

You may mail the statements back to Dr. Mitchell's secretary, Mrs. Brantley. I was assigned only to pass them along to you for approval or disapproval.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

August 22, 1955.

Miss Irene Osborne
A.F.S.C.
104 "C" Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Irene:

Several days ago, I mailed you copies of New South for 1955 and a copy of Changing Patterns in the New South. As I remember, you requested copies of New South for the last two years. However, Harold suggested that I send only the current issues since Changing Patterns contains most of the significant developments reported in New South.

If there is anything else I can send you, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you in October,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/vc

August 22, 1955.

TO MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 1955.

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hammer:

This is just a brief note to let you know that according to the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee must meet at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets this year on November 9th at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. I would suggest, therefore, that on Saturday, October 1st, or Saturday, October 8th, the Nominating Committee meet, preferably in Atlanta, to consider Board vacancies.

Later this month I will send you a memo on the meeting of the Nominating Committee and a list of vacancies coming about because of the "graduation" of the class of 1955.

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Would please write me in the next few days and let me know about your preference of dates, October 1st, or October 8th.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc/ Reverend Hugh Brimm
Dr. B. E. Mays
Mrs. James Birnie
Right Reverend Maurice V. Shean

Dictated 8.17.55 by Mr. Routh/signed in his absence.
FBR/eab

August 22, 1955.

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Dr. B. E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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August 23, 1955.

Burrelle's
Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In your latest mailing of clippings, you include a large number dealing with the establishment of the Southern Regional Council for Mental Health Training and Research. This is to advise you that that organization is entirely distinct from and unrelated to the Southern Regional Council, Inc. I will appreciate your alerting your readers so that they may not be confused by the close similarities of titles.

I am not returning the clippings since I believe that they fall within the minimum rate which you charge.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 23, 1955.

Mr. Edwin T. Pratt
Urban League of Kansas City
1020 McGee
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your letter to Miss Holden who is no longer with the Council. Your subscription to New South has been entered and the July-August issue will probably have reached you by now.

We should very much like to see the abstract of your thesis on the Miami Precinct Municipal Court. Frederick Routh of our staff will be particularly interested since he is from Miami and taught Human Relations at the University of Miami for several years.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 23, 1955.

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 E. Calhoun St.
Sumter, S.C.

Dear Miss Reid:

Having just returned from vacation plus an executive committee meeting at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, I am late in answering your urgent letter of August 13. Moreover, this will have to be considered as merely a first installment on an answer since I cannot pretend to know the real solution to the problems which afflict Sumter and the other Deep South communities like it. I want to introduce the subject for full discussion by the staff, but since both George Mitchell and Fred Routh are away, that will have to await their return.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wells will be back in his office Wednesday and I will broach the matter of the tape recording with him. Perhaps he will be willing to make one of the next speech he makes to an important Georgia civic group.

We have reprinted the editorial from the Florence Morning News entitled "We cannot win"; I think it expressed a very useful point of view, and your idea of a local meeting with the editor sounds to me like a good beginning. I am afraid that for the time beeing we must contend ourselves with the participation of such people of courage as are willing to stand up for decendy in the face of abuse. Influencial people in Georgia as well as in South Carolina show little willingness to take public stand. About all we can do is to supply them with our information and point of view quietly in the hope that they may eventually become brave enough or disgusted enough to take some positive action.

I shall be writing you again soon. Meanwhile, warmest regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 23, 1955.

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Hugh:

Thanks for the information on the ministerial associations and the other material which you have sent me. I saw the story by Ora Spaid at Mammoth Cave and was most impressed with it. As a matter of fact, I have just sent the clipping to Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic as a good example of state activities.

The promotion letter, copies of which you sent, were also extremely well done. All in all, the Kentucky Council is making impressive headway for which our congratulations.

One off note: the Courrier Journal story credits the Ford Foundation with having made the grant to SRC. I know you have made effort to establish the fact that we are helped by the Fund for the Republic, an independant agency only set up by the Ford Foundation. However it will help us all greatly if you will make an extra push to get the Courrier Journal habitually accurate on this point.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 23, 1955.

TO : Mr. Frank Loescher
60 East 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Frank:

True to my resolve to send you occasional clippings, here is one from the front page of the Louisville Courrier Journal on a meeting of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. Pretty good, I think.

Regretably the reporter speaks of the Ford Foundation, rather than the Fund for the Republic. Hugh Brimm has tried, I know, but I am writing him to make a special effort to get the Courrier Journal straight on this point.

Regards.

HCF/vc
Encs.

Memo from HCF

August 23, 1955.

TO : George S. Mitchell and Staff

Frank Loescher called Monday, August 22. He was still looking for concrete examples of the state organizations' work. From what I heard at Mammoth Cave, plus several copies of state newsletters on my desk, I was able to give him a few things which he seemed to find useful. He said he would send us a copy of whatever report he finally prepared.

He reiterated his very strong doubts that anything would come of our request for additional funds. From what he said, I judge that the problem now is within the staff itself and that he sees little prospects of our training proposal having staff endorsment when it goes before the Board. I urged him to continue his ~~approach~~ efforts and he said he would try again.

Loescher also put in a favorable word for Donald Wyatt who apparently has been approached by C.H. about the possibility of some staff connection (undetermined) with SRC. Loescher says Wyatt is an outstanding man whom we would be fortunate to get.

August 23, 1955.

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for letting me see Judge Warring's letter re the legal reporting service. I am returning it to you enclosed. I will pass on to you promptly anything further on this matter the Fund may send our way.

It was a great pleasure being withyyou at Mammoth Cave. I thought the meeting, with leisure for full discussion, was very fruitful. I will be in touch with you about follow up on the various actions taken with respect to information.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Enc.

August 23, 1955.

Mr. Dave Zeff
Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds
41 Exchange Place S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dave:

This is to thank you belatedly for sending me a copy of the sermon by the Reverend Robin Ralph on "The Unfinished American Revolution". Mrs. Tilly, in connection with her work with Church Women, has reproduced this excellent sermon and is finding it a very useful program aid. She joins me in appreciation of your thoughtfulness of sending it, and in the hope that you will continue to send us materials of this kind whenever they come to your attention.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 24, 1955.

Mr. Milton Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

I am glad to have your letter about the Lake Charles study but I am afraid that we can contribute very little of the kind of information the Research Committee is seeking. As you know, the communities in the South that have integrated their schools are few and none of them is comparable to Lake Charles in size or proportion of Negroes in the population. There is non-Southern experience which might be relevant, but the best treatment of that is still the book Schools In Transition which you have.

Of course, a good number of Southern cities have announced their official intention to integrate some time in the future. We have published and summarized most such statements in recent issues of New South. I enclose a copy of the policy statement of the Fayette County (Kentucky) Board of Education's Advisory Committee which has just been made public.

We are on the look-out for material of the sort that you need and we have hopes that it will start becoming available within the next few months. Meanwhile, I am sorry that we cannot help more; nor do I know of other sources that might be able to help.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Enc.

TO: Fayette County Board of Education

FROM: Advisory Committee on Special Problems

PROBLEM: Desegregation

Some General Principles

1. Respect for the law of the land is vital to each individual and to the welfare of the community. Each person does not have the right to be the sole judge of which law or laws he will obey; were this situation to prevail, the foundation of our way of life would soon erode.

2. The public schools, considered increasingly essential to our democratic society and our community, must continue to make progress in their services to all children and the entire community. The solution to any issue should not weaken the services presently provided.

3. The basic question of desegregation is one of "What?" and "How?" rather than "IF?"

4. In formulating policy on desegregation, it is important to hear from key persons and groups. These individuals and groups should be helped to know the facts and alternatives and to face the problems that school people and the community must face.

5. Once a policy decision is made, the public statement of policy should be clear, decisive, and unequivocal. The policy should not be greatly elastic by providing loopholes but it should be administered sympathetically. The school board which "back-tracks" merely because of initial protests will ultimately find more difficulty rather than less, although recognizing no policy is perfect and some modification, for cause, should be possible.

6. A policy should avoid any intentional favoritism, subterfuge, or evasion.

7. In making, and carrying out the policy, communication is most important, particularly across racial lines. It is important that means of communication -- discussion groups, panels, news items on progress -- be established.

8. The school personnel are key people in how effectively a policy may be carried out. Successful desegregation cannot be predicted unless the school board, the school administrators, and the staffs of the schools believe either that desegregation is right or that no other honorable and just choice is feasible.

9. School desegregation is a community problem, not exclusively one of the schools, and all phases of community life will be affected.

With these principles in mind and after careful study covering pertinent information concerning the Fayette County public school system , the Advisory Committee recommends:

1) That desegregation of the Fayette County Schools be effected by the opening of the school year, 1956-57.

2) That this policy of desegregation by September, 1956, be made in a public statement by the County Board of Education as early as possible prior to September 1, 1955.

3) That a planned preparation program be activated through the administrative staff with the staffs of the schools, the pupils, the parents, and community groups.

4) That all school personnel directly affected by the policy on desegregation be retained and assigned on the basis of merit, preparation and experience without reference to color, race, or creed.

5) That the vocational education opportunities now provided at Lafayette Vocational School be open to all senior High school pupils, effective September 1, 1955.

August 25, 1955.

TO: GSM

Other matters raised by Loescher in his telephone call of today:

1. Following Morris's call re tax exemption, Loescher communicated with Dick Bennett, who will use his contacts. I have informed Morris.

2. Loescher sollicited from Nat Griswold on account of the Arkansas Council's actions with respect to the Hoxie situation. Frank was enthusiastic about it and is sending us a copy.

3. Loescher has talked with Max Hahn about the need for training in this field. Hahn had suggestions about Highlander which I will discuss with you.

4. Frank asked for 20 copies of one issue of New South which we esteem for possible distribution to the Fund's board. I am sending.

HCF/vc

August 25, 1955.

MEMORANDUM

TO : G. S. Mitchell

FROM : H. C. Fleming

Frank Loescher called again today and among other things raised the question of the community awards proposal. He said he thought it was legitimate to provide for awards in the amount of $10,000 each.

He also suggested that I raise with you the desirability of your suggesting to the Fund that Marion Wright comes up to talk with the staff and the officers about it. He pointed out that neither he nor anybody else in the Fund had met Marion Wright and that, if the idea of a visit were favorably received in New York, it might help things along.

Attached is my amended version of Marion Wright memorandum. I have proceeded on the basis that MAW's stuff should stand wherever there was nothing actually wrong with it.

Following is a rough draft of the kind of transmitting letter that Frank suggested we send along with the proposal:

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Attached is a proposal that the Fund for the Republic make a two-year grant to the Southern Regional Council enabling the Council to administer a program of awards to Southern communities undertaking public school integration.

This proposal has been considered and approved by members of the Executive Committee and staff - with the understanding, however, that it be regarded as entirely separate from and secondary to our major request sent to you on August 19. For that reason, I would be reluctant to submit it at this time, were it not for Frank Loescher's assurance that it will not be misconstrued. Frank felt that we should send it up prior to your forthcoming Board meeting so that it may be considered along with any similar idea that may be discussed.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, the President of the Council, played a major part in the develppment of this proposal. If the staff and the officers of the Fund felt that it would be beneficial to discuss the idea in person with Mr. Wright, I am sure that he would be glad to come to New York at a mutually convenient time in the near future. This is merely a suggestion, which I leave entirely to your judgment.

In any case we should expect any final favorable action on this proposal to be preceded by further discussion as to details of the program, and we stand ready to take part in any such consideration that the Fund may wish.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell

HCF/vc

August 25, 1955.

TO: Fred Routh

RE: Your memo written form Arkansas August 23.

I have checked with Ruth and find that it is our practice to send the current issue of New South to a new subscriber as soon as possible after the receipt of the subscription. Thus, any inordiante delay must be attributed to the laps between receipt of dues by the state organization and transmittal of the subscription fee to this office. Since most states report monthly, a delay of one month would be inevitable in many instances.

If this seems to you a major concern of the state people, I suggest that we confer further on ways to speed up the process.

Veronique joins me in kindest regards.

HCF/vc

August 25, 1955.

Mr. M. T. Puryear
Southern Field Division
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Puryear:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Annotated Bibliography designed to be used in preparation for the White House Conference on Education. Both the selections and the annotations are excellent and should be of great value to Conference participants. Naturally, we were gratified to note the inclusion of various materials published by the Southern Regional Council.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 25, 1955.

Mrs. A. N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We are glad to make the arrangement for the South Carolina Council to receive 30 copies of each issue of New South, beginning with the June issue and continuing until such time as you ask us to terminate it. 30 copies of the June and the July-August issues have been sent. Ruth Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, advises me that we would prefer to bill you each time a mailing is sent. The figures as you quote them are correct.

Our first attempt yesterday to find 3 copies of Lillian Smith's book was unsuccessful. We will look some more, however, and I am reasonably confident that we can find them for you.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 25, 1955.

Mr. Davisson F. Dunlap
Barnett Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

Fred Routh, who is travelling this week, has asked me to be on the look out for a confidential report by Florida's Attorney General which you had indicated was on the way. Since it has not been received, I thought I should let you know in case there had been an oversight in your office. We are most anxious to pass it along in confidence to the officials of the Fund for the Republic who are considering the establishment of a legal reporting service.

May I add my thanks to Fred's for your help in getting this valuable assessment of the legal reporting proposal.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 25, 1955.

Dr. Cornett
Education Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 8th Ave. N.
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cornett:

I have talked with Dr. Mitchell by telephone and find that it is perfectly agreeable with him to see you on Thursday, September 1st. He will be expecting you some time in the course of that morning.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 26, 1955.

Mr. Walter E. Brown
Wilson Lake Shores
Sheffield, Alabama

Dear Walt:

I am the one who feels remiss for not having written sooner in appreciation of the hospitality that you and Shirley provided and the other good offices of the local group. I was mush impressed, as was Fred, by the quality of the members that you have rallied in the tri-cities area.

I like your idea of securing a speaker who can give a clear and persuasive account of the legal situation. The problem about Morris Abram is that he is extremely busy at this time and we have called on him for so many things that I am reluctant to make yet another request. Since he knows that I know how busy he is I think you might stand a better chance of getting an acceptance if the invitation came from there. I have no doubt that Morris and Stanley Rosenbaum are well acquainted through their work in the Anti-Defamation League. Perhaps Stanley would be the logical local person to write Morris.

Let me know how this idea works out. If nothing comes of it, I'll be glad to help further in finding a good speaker.

All best regards to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 26, 1955

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, N.Y.

Dear Mr.Lubell:

Since your letter arrived while Dr. Mitchell is out of the office, I am sending you the enclosed summary of Anti-Klan laws and ordinances. This list was compiled by the Southeastern Office of the Anti Defamation League whose records on the subject are somewhat more complete than ours. The list is now several years old, but I believe it is still pretty much up to date, since there has been little, if any, legislation of this kind since the Klan became dormant two or three years ago.

Dr. Mitchell will be back in the office next week and will reply to the other matter raised in your letter at that time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc
Enc. Anti-Klan Laws Passed

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
864 HUNTER ST., S. W.
ROOM E
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Cassandra Gen. Board

August 26, 1955

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh:

In reply to your letter of August 22, please be advised that at this time, October 8 is the preferred date for me.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Cassandra E. Maxwell

Cassandra E. Maxwell

CEM/eam

August 26, 1955.

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:

This is one fan letter that you wont have to acknowledge.

I received a copy of your Collection of Case Studies in Personnel Security and took it home with me with the idea of glancing through it for one hour or so. I wound up at 2 a.m. having read it all the way through. I hope it had as much impact for the people who can do something directly about the system.

I was also pleased to see the amount of publicity the publication has received, although I was a trifle stunned by the conclusion that Time drew from it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

August 29, 1955

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
Director of Public Relations
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

It has been suggested that the Southern Regional Council devote one of its future New South articles to "costs incurred by Southern states and political subdivisions in defending civil rights suits."

Mr. Marion A. Wright, president of the Council, suggests the article. He lists his reasons as (a) the reluctance of nearly everybody to pay attorney fees and (b) the professional jealpusy of attorneys resulting from seeing other members of the bar, usually politicians, pick up easy money out of the public trough.

As Mr. Wright sees it, the article would include the names of attorneys, both private and public, representing defendants in such cases.

Mr. Wright sees the proposal as an excellent chance for cooperation between the NAACP and the Southern Regional Council.

I would appreciate it if you will write me your views on the matter concerning the usefulness of such an article and just how difficult you deem it will be to gather such information as would be needed for such an article. It would seem, as Mr. Wright suggests, that your organization would come nearer having such material on hand than any other organization.

Please let me know your thoughts on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

August 29, 1955

Mr. R. Hustead
U. S. History
Estacada High School
Estacada, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hustead:

Your card requesting information has been referred to me.

It is difficult to select suitable materials without more specific details. I am, however, sending you some descriptive material which may help you in selecting material.

Enclosed are two descriptive folders concerning the Southern Regional Council, the Council's publications list, and a folder concerning the booklet, "Changing Patterns in the New South." The latter publication contains articles selected from the Council's magazine New South. It should contain material of interest to you.

Please let me know if we can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

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The South of the Future
Publications List
Toward the South of the Future
Changing Patterns in the New South (descriptive folder)

August 29, 1955

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I have no early prospect of getting to Kentucky. Better write or phone. I am in Atlanta steadily at least until Friday, September 9th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. Newman S. Cryer, Jr.
Editor
The Pastor
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cryer:

Know Your Neighbors by Rachel Dubois and Mew-soong Li appears not to have arrived as yet at this office. You wrote me August 19th and I said I would review it, by October 6th. You may have sent it and we may have misplaced it, but I would appreciate your running a check on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mrs. Fara M. Darland
Education Committee
Arizona State Federation of Labor
2829 East Ind. Sch. Rd.
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Darland:

Safely back to find my home not burnt down nor blown down, and all in order. I even got the frying pan out to keep bachelor's hall.

The members of the school were so kind in hauling me around in Flagstaff and in Phoenix that I saved two airport bus fares at $1.25 apiece, and I return to the coffers of the Arizona State Federation of Labor the consequent savings of $2.50.

I never saw a friendlier group of people. You should be extremely proud to provide so valuable a service for so forward-looking and strong a body of men and women.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

August 29, 1955
(Dictated 8/19)

FBR:

I believe at the Executive Committee meeting it was suggested that you write Harry Jones and get him up to see Paul Christopher and get him started into stronger contact with the labor movement in North Carolina.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. William M. Cooper
Box 203
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am pleased and delighted to be asked to speak on Friday evening, November 11th, at the Zion Baptist Church in Portsmouth for the Negro Organization Society on "New Opportunities in Human Relations." Of course I accept!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mrs. Tilly:

Remember that Paul Christopher wanted some religious material, including sermons, regarding arguments on desegregation.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955
(Dictated August 19)

HCF:

Let us discuss when we can the idea of an appeal to labor from SRC -- not for funds, but to explain the needs of the hour, and the proper attitude of the labor movement. Might be slanted as a release to labor people.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. Earl S. Kalp
National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
686 Union Commerce Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kalp:

How very kind that was of the NCCJ to send the check for $121. This more than covered my expenses, and makes a considerable contribution to the needy coffers of the Southern Regional Council.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. Clarence Hughes
Room 420 Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

This lady, Mrs. R. T. Russo, 230 Georgia Avenue, is a white school teacher in Clarksville. I have sent her various SRC publications. She is greatly interested in desegregation. Might join your Council. Suggest you write and invite her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated 8/19)

August 29, 1955

(Dictated 8/19)

CHP:

It would be helpful, though not essential, if some one of the proposed new consultants to the central office had some knowledge and skill in working with the labor movement.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

(Dictated 8/19)

HCF:

Paul Christopher made a suggestion during the Executive Committee meeting that we develop a debate manual with arguments pro and con. I am not much for it, but I note his suggestion.

There was discussion of the old idea of ads in church papers. Do we change our minds on that or not? If you could give me briefly in writing the plans for promotion of the new edition of Changing Patterns, I would be grateful. Conversations would provide an adequate substitute.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

(Dictated 8/19)

HCR:

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GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

(Dictated 8.19)

EAB:

How far have we gotten with the undertaking in the last quarterly report to David Freemand to send up the Board list.

Dr. Mitchell:

You turned the matter of getting the Board list up to date over to Mr. Routh. I will check with him.

August 29, 1955

FBR:

Mrs. Tilly said she knew at Dinwiddie, Virginia, a Miss Maddox who could be very helpful to the Virginia program. You might explore and notify Jack Marion.

August 29, 1955

(Dictated 8/19/55)

FBR:

I wish you would begin to give some attention to scheduling travel for Irene Osborne. She wants to be in this office at least the first ten days, and my recollection is that Arkansas wants her for about the third week in October.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bennie Mays:

No kinder or wiser friend have we in the world than yourself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

The Reverend Isaac L. Mullins
1418 College Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Isaac:

Here is the copy of New South I promised you.

Hope you will consider joining the Tennessee affiliate of the Council. In any regard, please drop by the Tennessee office and talk with Mr. Clarence L. Hughes. His office is Room 420 Jackson Building, Cherry and 7th Sts., Chattanooga.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

August 29, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

As per Dr. Mitchell's instructions, I am sending you a copy of the memo to directors of state organizations re conditions of continued assistance, as set forth by the Executive Committee at the Mammoth Cave meeting.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley,
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

August 29, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I had a letter from a man named Harold Bock , 2311 Forest Drive, Charlotte, dated August 21st. Letterhead shows him to be manager of something called Childcraft, which is an enterprise connected with Marshall Field. Charlie Jones at Chapel Hill had stirred up Bock on some prospect of working with SRC in Florida.

I had no job for Bock, but told him that he and you should be in communication. Quite probably someone who could be useful with the North Carolina Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955
(Dictated August 19)

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

The Executive Committee, when they went into Executive Session August 18th, decided that they wished to meet next during the last half of October, 1955. The discussion showed that they preferred that we set a fixed date and not circularize for preference choices.

At the same time, that we give notice of that meeting, they would like for all members of the Executive Committee to receive a schedule of dates for remaining meetings of the Executive Committee during the period from November, 1955 through the period terminating with the Board meeting in 1956.

Will you prepare a tentative schedule and let me see it?

They would like some of the meetings of the Executive Committee to be at points other than Atlanta. Specifically, they did not ask that the places be scheduled ahead, but I think it would facilitate matters for everyone if we suggested certain other places for some particular ones of the forthcoming about-to-be-scheduled-a-year-ahead-meetings.

I suggest one to be at the Mountain View Hotel at Gatlinburg, preferably in off-season time. Another might be at Dillard University at New Orleans.

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. Harold Bock
Childcraft
2311 Forest Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bock:

I do appreciate your letter.

Unfortunately, just within the last couple of weeks, the Florida Council on Human Relations has engaged a white man named Williams, from the University of Miami, as its Executive Director, and a Negro man named Roberts, from Jacksonville, (I believe), as its Associate Director. So they are staffed, and that is the last state we had without staff.

Everyone here, including myself, is a warm admirer of Charlie Jones.

Do make yourself known to Harry Jones, who is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte. He is a good egg and the two of you should get along and should find some things to do together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

August 29, 1955

Mrs. Arnold F. Strauss
Algonquin Park
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

Mr. William M. Cooper at Hampton has written me on behalf of the Negro Organization Society and asked me to speak for them at Portsmouth on Friday evening, November 11th at the Zion Baptist Church on "New Opportunities in Human Relations." They will pay expenses and some giftie to SRC.

I give you this earliest notice of my being in your neighborhood for any occasion there may be to meet with the Woman's Interracial Committee and some of its friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Interesting editorial from The Informer, which is the leading Negro newspaper in the Southwest -- published in Houston.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 29, 1955

Dictated 8/19

Mrs. R. T. Russo
230 Georgia Avenue
Clarksville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russo:

Alice and I safely back at 5:00 this morning. Alice did most of the driving and I did most of the sleeping.

In wakeful hours we had plenty to talk about in the visit with all the Rosses and the two Hewes'. Our warmest thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Ross and Dean and Mrs. Dean, and Mrs. Dean's mother, and the Russos and the cook and such fine company and fare.

I send you separately some things that should be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Answers for Action
Questions and Answers
New South, Feb, Mar, Apr., May, June, July-Aug., '55
Changing Patterns Brochure
SRC Promotion Leaflet

August 29, 1955

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Sam:

Glad Harold Fleming gave you what dope we had on anti-mask legislation.

Of course I will be delighted to read your Southern chapter whenever you send it. And you know me -- I am free with comments.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian
Service
Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

Nobody ever wrote anybody a nicer note. You cheer me up a lot!

I do hope something can be worked out between Miss Bender and Miss Day for October 14-15.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

Miss Helen E. Amerman
5439 South Kimbark
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Helen:

I don't know where a job for you is, but I have been pulling wires here and there to get one set up. It seems to me a job ought to be tailor-made to fit your abilities. You are unique and highly valuable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 29, 1955

RA:

Can you give me some idea of how many years this group did give us $25.00? If I knew that, I would write the lady a farewell thank you.

GSM
eab/

August 30, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Dr. Mitchell asked that I send you a copy of the attached letter for your information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary

EAB/

Encl.

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THE ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE

239 Auburn Avenue Atlanta, Ga.

August 22, 1955

My dear George

It is gratifying to know that the memorandum prepared for the Executive Committee was helpful as the committee and staff considered ways to make the Southern Regional Council more effective in the months ahead. Thank you for your gracious letter and for the honorarium which came with it.

With my best wishes always and sincere regards,

Your friend,

/s/ Grace

Mrs. G. T. Hamilton
Executive Director

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Southern [redacted] Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN [redacted] 3, GEORGIA

30 August 55

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
Assoc. Exec. Dir.
Dept of Racial & Cultural Relations
Nat'l Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Al,

George turned your letter re: making Interracial News Service available to our state groups, over to me since I am the guy who works with them.

This is not only acceptable to us, we think its pretty durn swell of you to offer! It would be best if you would send them directly to the state organizations, and I note that you have their addresses.

Havent seen you in ages, not since the old days at the Center, I guess. How are things going with you and what's new at NYU ?

This job of mine takes me into the twelve states quite regularly and I am getting to know many people across the South who believe in democracy; this in itself makes the job worthwhile and knowing that you are contributing even a small bit to making democracy work makes it gratifying.

Best personal regards,

Your rebel buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organizations

FBR/s

August 30, 1955

RA:

Please prepare job descriptions like the attached, but ammended to accord with MAW's letter of August 24th, herewith, and make fifteen copies of the ammended job descriptions, dating those fifteen copies as of the date mimeographed, and state somewhere inconspicuously on the copies ammended "in accordance with MAW's letter of August 24, 1955."

eab/

August 30, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

The suggestions in your letter of August 24th as to changes in the job descriptions will be adopted.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Clement, and to him, also, a copy of the job descriptions as at present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. I have handed to Harold your good letter to Paul Green.

August 30, 1955

Dictated 8/29

Mr. Delbert Fousel
3013 East Twenty-First Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Fousel:

I had some hopes that may e you would turn into an associate member of the Southern Regional Council. Here are three or four issues of our magazine which would keep on coming to you.

I enjoyed the opportunity last week gave me to get acquainted with you, and I appreciate particularly your kindness in running me out that afternoon to the fancy museum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover
New South, Feb-Aug, '55

SRC Promotion Leaflet

August 30, 1955

Dictated 8/29

Mr. Joseph J. Geiger
4531 North Seventeenth Drive
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Brother Geiger:

Nice to see you and to have the week with you and with the whole group.

Here are some back issues of our maggie, and a copy of an extra good recent publication, which gives the best of what we printed over the last seven or eight years. It would be mighty nice if you would rake up $5.00 and become an associate member of the Southern Regional Council. I admit that all you would get is the magazine, but you would be helping a good show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, Feb - August, 1955
SRC Promotion Leaflet

August 30, 1955

Mr. Harry Jones, Executive Director
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Several weeks ago, a Negro minister from Hamlet, North Carolina, came by the office for materials. He was planning a leadership school for Christian workers. I gave him some material and asked him to contact you in Charlotte. I hope he did.

In any event, I pass his name and address along to you in order that you may contact him if you have not already heard from him.

Name and address is:

The Reverend Marshall McCallum
St. Peters Methodist Church
Hamlet, North Carolina

With best regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

August 31, 1955

Dr. Almon R. Pepper
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Pepper:

Thank you for writing me August 17th.

We have had an occasional annoyance in the past from whatever it is that calls itself the Grass Roots League, Inc., at Charleston, South Carolina.

We think this is the creature of a man named Stanley F. Morse of that city. So far as the proposed publication of the Grass Roots League goes, its principle accusation against us is that "The Southern Regional Council was exposed last year as an offshoot of the Communist defunct -front Southern Conference for Human Welfare by the Augusta Courier." This is cunning language contrived to leave the impression that the Augusta Courier is a reputable newspaper. There is a well known newspaper called the Augusta Chronicle which is published daily. The Augusta Courier is a weekly sheet owned by a Georgia political figure named Roy Harris. It is in the bad tradition of free-booting weekly newspapers in Georgia: red letter headlines; confederate flag at the masthead. It constantly foams at the mouth in opposition to the established constitutional rights of Negro persons and in opposition to most worthy causes.

The facts are that the Southern Regional Council was established in 1944 by a group of people, little if at all related to those who had embarked in 1938 on the enterprise of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The mere founding of this new organization, while the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was still vigorously alive, indicates a quite different point of view among those who set up SRC. As a matter of fact, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare had its own proper successor in a would-be-tax-exempt wing of itself called the Southern Conference Educational Fund, which is still in existence. It is fraudulent to claim that the SRC is an offshoot of the SCHW. At the time of the Augusta

Courier's original charges of this nature, the reputable press ignored it, with one or two exceptions, and in those instances the papers called us for our comments and printed our comments along with the Augusta Courier's charges.

It is a clear misstatement to say that I was vice-chairman of the SCHW in 1938. I do think I held some office in the Committee for North Carolina at about that time, and the Committee for North Carolina was an affiliate of SCHW. Quite true that I am against the use of injunctions in labor disputes. Quite true that I allowed my name to be used as a sponsor for the first meeting of the Civil Rights Congress, supposing that it would be an honest and responsible movement. But I went to none of its meetings, paid no dues, never joined it, and when next they wrote and asked me to be a sponsor again, indicated that I would not be associated with them. I was from 1944-47 a member of the Board of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. And I have been for a good many years a member of the Executive Committee of the Highlander Folk School. Highlander would vigorously resist the charge that it knows or follows the Communist Party Line.

I assume that the charges of the Grass Roots League against other persons are at least equally baseless or distorted.

The thing to have in mind is that the Grass Roots League and its companion organizations are engaged in a genuine effort to subvert lawful government in the United States, and in pursuit of that aim resort to charges of subversion against those who propose compliance!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated August 29th)

August 31, 1955
(Dictated August 30)

RA:

Mr. Parrish resumes W. A. E.

September 1st.

eab/

August 31, 1955

Mr. Cabell Phillips
New York Times
Washington Office
1701 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cabell:

In my opinion, the inwardness of the Negro demand in this country and in disturbed Colonial areas abroad is for significant public and private recognition of equal human dignity. Opening the public schools is one of the various means to that end.

The second thing to notice is that Negro people in the Southern states have been systematically denied responsible participation in public affairs; and in direct consequence have put much energy into non-cooperation with public arrangements in which they had had no policy participation.

A good many towns in the South are now beginning to take a step which reverses both these historic errors. Local school boards are officially impaneling committees of citizens, white and Negro, to find the facts and advise on ways of integrating the schools. Quite obviously politically minded persons on school boards expect to benefit from getting responsibility directly on to the shoulders of private citizens. Obviously, also, the citizens' committee can work effectively with the various community pressures for or against integration. Significantly, these committees accord recognition of equal human dignity. They have to.

Significantly, also, they enlist effective persons in the Negro community and therefore to a degree the public sentiment of the entire Negro community in responsible performance in accord with agreements taken. Such a double-headed movement is the beginning of health anywhere in the South that it appears.

Another thing to notice is that the Supreme Court in its two decisions opened a kind of horse race as between the integrated communities. Those which get away fast with a wisely planned course will succeed earliest and with least anger. Those are the towns that will stay ahead in prosperity and in social conscience.

On the areas where the matter can be quickly or more slowly done, I commend to you the map at the back of the pamphlet Answers for Action.

Memorialiter. . . .

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated August 30)

1 Sept 55

Dear Guy,

There are several things we have mentioned from time to time in our conversations which ought to be given some thought at this time. I am writing them down just in case our paths dont cross in the next few days.

1.) The time is approaching when thought ought to be given to the Fall meeting of the Georgia Committee's Executive Board. It might be wise to call your Administrative Committee together first to plan for the meeting; what needs to be discussed, what decisions are needed, etc etc.

a) The meeting should consider new board members, for 1/2 of your Board members' terms expire this Fall. A nominating committee to consider new blood should be appointed by the Exec.Bd. or the Adm.Com.

b) They should plan for the Annual Meeting; what kind of a meeting, a review of the past years work, a submission of plans for the coming year's work, decisions on new "locals" and a membership drive.

2.) It seems to me that with Roy Harris screaming for members for white "citizens" councils that the time is ripe for another side to organize members to work for compliance with the Supreme Court decision. The Ga. Commission on Interracial Cooperation is a natural vehicle.

3.)Further effort should be made to secure an integrated staff; either an Associate Director or perhaps a consultant program like Ky & Tenn have. It might be possible to set up a consultant program using mostly Negro consultants and have one of them serve as coordinator of that phase of the show.

These are some of things we have talked about and I know you are concerned about; I remind you of them so that sufficient time may be taken to put some of these thoughts into action.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Fred

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
State Organization

FBR/s

September 2, 1955

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We are deeply grateful for that hundred dollars that came today. A hundred dollars is no small sum to get together (it comes mighty hard in my budget, too!), and we are the more grateful for your faithfulness in sending it in. I hope to see you tomorrow, when the Alumni meet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt

September 2, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
800 Fourth Avenue
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

This confirms our conversation by phone today, in which I stated my purpose to recommend you to the Personnel Committee of the Executive Committee of SRC for employment in capacity as Administrative Assistant. The figure I would recommend to the Committee is $6,000. But I caution you that the Committee has full authority as to whom to engage and the rate at which the individual should be paid; and there can be nothing definite until the Personnel Committee has acted on the matter.

I, myself, would be in hopes that, with the approval of the Personnel Committee, you might expect to begin work October 1, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA

September 2, 1955

Mr. Thomas Crittenden
316 Oglesby Street
Greenville, Alabama

Dear Mr. Crittenden:

I am sorry to say that we have offered the job in the Council, subject to the action of our Personnel Committee, to another candidate.

I liked you greatly, and think you have every prospect of an interesting and useful career. The other man is older and his varied experience gives him, I think, a backgroupd for judgments which will make him particularly useful to us.

But I think you are a man of sound judgment and much promise too.

If at some other time I can be of service to you in hooking on to what you most want to do, call on me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy of this ltr to Mr. Crittenden at:
1501 West Grand Avenue
Marshall, Texas

cc: RA

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September 6, 1955

Mr. Samuel Spiegler
Managing Editor
NAIRO REPORTER
P. O. Box 275
Cathedral Station
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Spiegler:

One small change in the article for the NAIRO REPORTER on the Southern Regional Council that is all states have now engaged professional staff. This will call for a slight editorial change.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh

FBR/ys

September 6, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Ralph:

You were helpful and right to send over the statement, signed by bigwigs, including Mr. Workman. I considered what might be best to do, and presumed on my acquaintance with the man who now runs the Southern Education Reporting Service to make a tentative inter-agency call about it. The answer is that the central staff of SERS is held to nonpartisanship in matters extra-office, but the correspondents are not so attempted to be held. Idea is that so long as what they write is down the middle they can opine as they please. Recall that the very Board of SERS has people of a variety of shades of opinion.

Not a matter for general discussion, but I inform you of the result.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 6, 1955

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

I am sure that hundred wasn't easy to find; also I am sure that it fitted like a keystone into our budget for this last month of the fiscal year. I think we will get through by the skin of your teeth!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Official Receipt $100

September 6, 1955

Mr. H. Conwell Snoke
Treasurer
Board of Home Missions and
Church Extension of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Snoke:

Again we are deeply grateful for the check for $250 which came to us today for the quarter beginning September 1.

The Board's help is multiplied many times over in the efforts that we and our state forces make.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official Receipt $250
Dictated September 2.

September 6, 1955

Dr. Earl R. Brown
Division of National Missions
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

We have sent on to Mr. Snoke today our warm appreciation for the second quarter check ($250) from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. It heartens and sustains us greatly to have this most valuable help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated September 2nd.

September 6, 1955

Mrs. William C. White
Fairfield Methodist Church
Swift and Parker Streets
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Wright:

That was a honey that you sent about St. Petersburg. That is, of course, the way to do it.

I grieve that in so many states our elected leaders are sowing the dragons' teeth of disobedience to the law of the land; the crop will not be pretty.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 6, 1955

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for the letter of August 19th about the forthcoming first report of the Fund for the Republic.

Something depends on what amount (and quality) of distribution you wish. We could helpfully get out 500 copies to SRC Board members, members of the Boards of affiliated state organizations, and our state staff people. Or we could do a pinched-down job of getting out about 50 to state chairmen and vice-chairmen, and principal state staff people. Either way, and just ship to us, if you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. Report has come. Beautiful job. More the better.

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MR. THOMAS S. SUTHERLAND
309 WEST 21ST STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS

RE YOUR PHONE. ROUEH'S MEMO OF MAY 16 SAID THE STATES WOULD HAVE TO BEAR EXPENSE OF THE CHAPEL HILL TRAVEL. ALL DID. ON THE FISK TRAVEL THIS OFFICE BEARS EXPENSE BUT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO TRAVEL VOUCHER FROM YOU. SEARCH PROCEEDS FOR RECORDS RELATING $62 AND IF WE CAN FIND JUSTIFICATION WILL MAIL FORTHWITH.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. W. E. Buttram
CWA-CIO State Director
403 Seventh Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Buttram:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. Larue Leonard
UAW-CIO Representative
1112 Homeview Drive
Louisville 15, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Leonard:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. William L. Hickey
USA-CIO Representative
1339 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hickey:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Harry Bush
RWDSU-CIO Representative
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bush:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. John Bateman
Assistant Director
UAW-CIO Region 8
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bateman:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Floyd Buckner
UFWA District Director
509½ South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Buckner:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Julian F. Carper
Executive Vice-President
Virginia State Industrial Union Council
102 N. Belvidere Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Carper:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Harry Haberthear
ACWA-CIO Representative
821 Second Avenue, South
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Haberthear:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Estes V. Riffe
USA-CIO Representative
406 Vaughan Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Riffe:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. H. D. Lisk, President
North Carolina State IUC
110 West Sixth Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Lisk:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. N. H. Kurko
CIO Region IV Representative
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Kurko:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. William F. Billingsley
Kentucky State IUC
407 Vaughan Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Billin sley:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Courtney K. Shill
USA Representative
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Shill:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Horace Brock
USA Representative
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Brock:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Ed Lingo
CIO Representative
P. O. Box 642
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lingo:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Neil P. Hickey
Brewery Workers Representative
P. O. Box 214
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hickey:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. William R. Henderson
OCAW Representative
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Henderson:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. G. D. Weakman
U.S.A. Representative
821 Second Avenue, S.
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Weakman:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. W. A. Copeland
CIO Representative
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Red:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. W. C. Sigler
CWA-CIO Director
905 Hoffman Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Sigler:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Earl A. Crowder
USA-CIO Representative
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Crowder:

Mighty good of you to put two useful dollars into the sum that Paul Christopher got together for SRC. We award you a year's subscription to New South, which will start coming.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. J. R. Graham
CIO Region IV Representative
137 West Seventh Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Graham:

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Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Robert Rogers
CIO Representative
Virginia Apt. 31
409 East Fourth Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Mighty good of you to put two useful dollars into the sum that Paul Christopher got together for SRC. We award you a year's subscription to New South, which will start coming.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. James E. Payne
USA-CIO Representative
P. O. Box 7191
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Payne:

Mighty good of you to put two useful dollars into the sum that Paul Christopher got together for SRC. We award you a year's subscription to New South, which will start coming.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Henry White
CIO Representative
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. White:

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Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Melville L. Kress
CIO Representative
55 Montpelier Street
Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee

Dear Mr. Kress:

Mighty good of you to put two useful dollars into the sum that Paul Christopher got together for SRC. We award you a year's subscription to New South, which will start coming.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. R. W. Starnes
CIO Region II Director
716 ICT Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear ~~Mr. Starnes:~~ Bob

Mighty good of you to put two useful dollars into the sum that Paul Christopher got together for SRC. We award you a year's subscription to New South, which will start coming.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. James P. Harden
UAW-CIO Director
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mr. Harden:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. T. D. duCuennois
CIO Region IV Representative
102 North Belvedere Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Ted:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. William E. Roehl
CIO Representative
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Roehl:

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We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Richard S. Hamme
United Transport Service
Employees Union, CIO
815 Rankin Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hamme:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Aaron E. Sloss
OCAW Representative
137 Wharf Avenue
Nashville 10, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sloss:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $4.00 for SRC. We have put two of it in as a subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year. But it all goes as a contribution.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. L. L. Bolick
CWA-CIO Director
722 Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bolick:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $5.00 for SRC. We have put two of it in as a subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year. But it all goes as a contribution.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. C. H. Gillman
CIO Regional Director
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $3.00 for SRC. We have put two of it in as a subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year. But it all goes as a contribution.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Letter perfect, to the dot, and weeks ahead of schedule! We appreciate it, and the more because it means the involvement of so many active people.

I have written each guy of the new ten, and SRC will send them each New South for a year at least.

Also our kindest appreciation for your personal sixteen dollars, receipted herewith.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official Receipt - $16.00

September 7, 1955

Mr. Mozell Hill
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hill:

Mr. Wells says that he would like to see you in the course of Monday, September 12th, at any time convenient to you after 9:00 a.m. That would be at Wells' office, 63 Auburn Avenue, Room 424.

Alternatively, if Monday would not work with you, Mr. Wells could be sought out Tuesday morning, the 13th, or on Saturday the 10th, both again at his office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

September 7, 1955

Mr. John F. Potts
School of Agriculture
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Potts:

Good to see you t'other day.

My notion on the rural plumbing was that this is a service and trade not preempted by anybody, and one in which Negro persons of skill would be greatly appreciated and widely used.

There is a desirable hook-up with the engineering part of Extension, in order that for the most technical answers some District Engineer could be called in.

Suppose Tuskegee could display on its campus three or four installations of farm household water: a pitcher pump to kitchen sink, with simple drainage of waste from sink. A hot and cold water hook-up to kitchen sink, with better drainage. A full bathroom with septic tank and full disposal field. Each with cost analysis in plain sight. Many and many a man would want to put that in for his wife.

I believe if you would train the people they would find useful careers in this work. But you and I agreed that they would only stay at it if you so taught them to yearn for equal human dignity that they would earn it. And somebody has got to teach Caucasians to accord it!

We thank you greatly for wise management of the selling of Changing Patterns!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. Carey E. Haigler
Director
CIO Organizing Committee
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear ~~Mr. Haigler~~: Carey

Mighty good of you to put two useful dollars into the sum that Paul Christopher got together forSRC. We award you a year's subscription to New South, which will start coming.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. W. A. Smallwood
CWA-CIO Director
40 Pryor Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Smallwood:

Paul Christopher sent us on your most welcome $2.00 for SRC. We have put it in as subscription to New South, and the little magazine will be coming to you for the next year.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. Lorne H. Nelles
USA District Director
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lorne:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 7, 1955

Mr. W. B. Frazier
USA-CIO Representative
611 Palmetto Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Frazier:

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Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. Francis L. Hauser
Program Officer
Trade Union Programs Division
U. S. Department of Labor
OILA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hauser:

All straight about Mr. Gill, whom we will be happy to have, arriving October 3rd, and going on later to Knoxville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. Andrew Means
2247 Broadway
Gary, Indiana

Dear Mr. Means:

Pleasant to be together at Tuskegee.

Maybe I could get you to be an Associate member of the Southern Regional Council. It wouldn't cost you but five dollars, and you would get our maggie, that's pretty good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, June, July-August, '55
SRC Promotion leaflet

September 7, 1955

President Clyde A. Milner
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Milner:

The College sent me two or three recent bulletins, including your report for 1954-55. I have read them with care and interest, and with appreciation for the wisdom of the College policies you pursue. How very right to make it Greensboro's and the County's College; and how simple but sound the announced needs.

All success to you and to Guilford.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. D. W. Andrews
611 East Fourth Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Andrews:

I thought you would be willing to work with the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, which is your state's affiliate of the Southern Regional Council. A good guy named Harry Jones is its Executive Director, and it has an office at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, North Carolina.

In any case, nice to be with you at Tuskegee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, June, July-August, '55
SRC promotion leaflet
SRC publications list
NCCHR promotion leaflet

September 7, 1955

Professor Ed Burrows
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Ed:

I see by the College Bulletin that you are a Ph'er undsoweiter. Which means hon thesis must be all typed and bound. Where can I send through library channels for a crack at it? Shall I get the public library here to write to University of Wisconsin?

All best wishes,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mrs. Jack F. Yarbrough
415 Holmes Circle
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Yabrough:

Margaret Dagen from St. Louis, says you are informed, interesting, and interested. She said I ought to interest you in the Southern Regional Council, and its Tennessee affiliate, the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. The address of the Tennessee Council is 420 Jackson Building, Cherry & Seventh Streets, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the office manager is Mr. Clarence Hughes.

Here are recent issues of SRC's small magazine, and a leaflet about the Council itself. But you ought to join the Tennessee Council, and make them add to your inflow of fact and plan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, June, July-August, '55
SRC promotion leaflet
SRC publications list
TCHR promotion leaflet

September 7, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
114 South Bemiston Avenue
Clayton 5 (St. Louis),
Missouri

Dear Margaret:

Had a good time, and extra nice to have the ride and the conversations with you. I learned a lot.

Am writing to nice Memphis lady.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Room E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Cassandra:

Appreciate it a lot; trouble to you, but it locks a quorum, which had been wobbly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1955

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Student Secretary
National Council of the
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Al:

Right, keep on sending it over, if you will, please.

Glad to hear of my proper friends at Rome.

Come to see the Mitchells.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 8, 1955

Dean Merrimon Cuninggim
Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

In a recent conversation Frank Loescher mentioned a meeting of church leadership in which you were present. He was much impressed with the remarks you made there about the experience of your institution in the field of desegregation.

I am wondering if you or one of your assistants would do an article on the subject for our monthly publication New South. Frank Loescher realized, of course, that some of your remarks at the meeting were necessarily off the record but he felt that you might be able to give the highlights of your experience for publication.

In case you are not familiar with the Council and its publication, I am enclosing an issue of New South and a descriptive leaflet. In any event, we should like to enlist your active interest in our program.

"The Texas Commission on Race Relations" (Mrs. James S. Crate of Houston is president and Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland of Austin is director) is affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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September 8, 1955

President E. C. Peters
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Peters:

You were very thoughtful to send me a copy of the Virginia Methodist Advocate containing Dr. Lowell's article on Intergregation. It is very well done and will be a helpful program resource. Mrs. Tilly, in particularly, will find it helpful in her church groups.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for the various items you have sent recently. Your letter to Paul Green was very good and I am looking forward with interest to word of his reply. The same applies to the letter to Governor Hodges (which I will return) although I don't suppose that a satisfactory answer is likely.

I have just received the copy of your very eloquent and forceful article on the Mississippi Lynching. I certainly think that it would be wise to get it published and will see what I can do that end.

We have written to the N.A.A.C.P. regarding the proposed article on Legal Expenses in the Effort to Preserve Segregation. We outlined the proposal to the N.A.A.C.P. and asked them to advise us of the pertinent information which they will be able to supply. I will pass on to you their reaction.

Best regards.

Very sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 8, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeastern Regional Office
624 Masonic Temple Building
1630 Fourth Avenue, North
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Thank you for your letter of August 24. As you say, this is such a small world. I had gone around to the N.A.A.C.P. Office in Jackson, Mississippi and had a very pleasant chat with Mrs. Evers. Mr. Evers was out of the office with you and we missed you. Mrs. Lyells proceeded to your hotel where again we missed you.

Thanks for passing the information regarding our state affiliates on to your staff. I think you are doing a wonderful job from what you hear across the South.

Best regards.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for State Organizations

FBR/ys

September 8, 1955

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
GAINESVILLE TIMES
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

I am sorry I missed seeing you when you were in Atlanta the other day. There are quite a few things I would like to bull over with you.

If you are going to be here again anytime soon, give me at least five minutes notice and I will be available for lunch or whatever.

Best to you and Ann and your tribe.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 8, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brinn
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brinn:

Your Committee has voted to meet Saturday, October 8th, and the meeting will be held here in the central office at 10:30 a.m. We hope that this will not too greatly inconvenience those who voted for October 1st. Your expenses will be paid.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/FBR/cab
Encl.

cc: FBR

September 8, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

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Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Nominating Committee Meeting - 2
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Cecil Simms, Nashville, Tenn. Attorney.

Virginia

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Charge Southern Regional Council 9/8/55

TO: Dr. W. D. PLAYER
VICE PRESIDENT
BENNETT COLLEGE
GREENSBORO, N. C.

ARRIVE BY PLANE AROUND 5 P. M. EASTERN AIR LINES 578

C. H. PARRISH

My file copy made by R.H.

September 8, 1955

Mr. Robert R. Leeper
Editor
Educational Leadership
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leeper:

Here is my promised screed.

You may not like it. It does read a bit chattily, but it has some serious thinking in it.

If you don't like it, skip it, or give me another go.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I raise a minor puzzler, to give you time to ponder it before we talk, next week.

The Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave ordered "closed" (to staff) meetings of its number. The language of your dictated minutes of the Mammoth Cave meeting, on this point, is:

> "It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director) should be present, with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities, or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine."

The by-laws were amended back at the November, 1954, meeting to remove the position of Associate Director, and (uniformly) to substitute for that office the office of Assistant Directors, (to a number of Assistant Directors purposely not stated). Thus the Assistant Directors, instead of an Associate Director are listed among the "Officers," and as among the officers subject to annual confirmation by the Board. Also, and here's the point, ARTICLE V, Section 1, on Executive Committee was similarly amended by substituting for the Associate Director the Assistant Directors in the phrase which now, as amended, reads "The executive director and the assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee [meaning the Executive Committee], but without the right to vote."

I have had no representations of wounded pride on this point. I only need direction.

My suggestion is that pursuant to the action of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave no one from the staff attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee except GSM, and that the Executive Committee at that time either resolve that the existing as-amended by-laws are agreeable to it, or

that they, the Executive Committee, wish to recommend to the November 9th Board meeting a further(appropriate) change in the by-laws.

If you will let me know what you think best I will be governed accordingly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: HCF
FBR
CHP

September 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In connection with describing the duties of the administrative assistant, I believe you wanted to be advised as to what might be shown in the notes taken of the Mammoth Cave meetings.

The discussions occurred in the Wednesday evening meeting, August 17th. Mr. Parrish had been talking about fund-raising problems in connection with the states, and alluded to the desirability of having available staff with responsibility and authority for business administration, office management, and coordination of administrative functions.

"Wright. Ideas on that point would perhaps be met by letter of request to FFR re additional funds for administrative assistant. If successful in getting administrative assistant, would he take over some of the functions which GSM now carries?

Mitchell. Would like to pick an able administrative assistant and in conference around the staff, find a task and set him to it.

Wright. Isn't it normal procedure to define duties of an office and then proceed to find person to fill it?

Mitchell. Possible, and Executive Committee can order it.

Wright. Suggested that provisions in paragraph 2, page 7, (given below) be substantially met.

'Provisions should be made in the Central Office for staff <u>with responsibility and authority</u> for the business administration, office management, and the coordination of administrative functions. (as distinguished from coordination of program functions.) The responsibilities would include fiscal management, supervision of accounting procedures, the preparation of fiscal analysis needed by staff and committees concerned with program, and the preparation of financial reports. These functions might be filled by one or more persons depending upon the skills of the persons available. (This involves redefinition of functions of position of Secretary Treasurer.)'

Your reference to paragraph 2, page 7, is a reference to Mrs. Hamilton's memo of August 3, 1955 to the Executive Committee.

In addition, in the meeting on the morning of August 18th, Mitchell had read the draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic, asking for continuance of aid for the coming fiscal year. And in this draft, reference had been made to the position of administrative assistant. The conversation is then reported as follows:

> "Dent. What is the conception of the functions of an administrative assistant?
>
> Mitchell. Office manager, budget officer; and to give non-policy answers on behalf of policy people to the inquiring field.
>
> Wright. Letter should include duties of administrative assistant.
>
> Dent. Duties should include statement that Executive Director would be relieved of some functions. "As administrative assistant to the Executive Director, he would be office manager, would have charge of budgets, and would give answers to field inquiries within agreed policy. The services of such an assistant would release the Executive Director for more policy and program work."

What would you think of your drafting the proposed job description and sending it to Mr. Clement who, presumably, would call me into conference before giving it final approval for the Personnel Committee?

This whole matter proceeds pursuant to the second item of the minutes of that Executive Session of the Executive Committee which met at the end of the Mammoth Cave meeting. The five actions appear in the minutes of the whole Mammoth Cave meeting, which will shortly come to you. Meanwhile, the second of the five actions was as follows:

> "It was moved and carried that the sense of the Executive Committee was that the office of Administrative Assistant was vital to the success of the Council's program; that this office should be filled without regard to the action taken by the Fund for the Republic on the Council's application, this day approved; and that the Personnel Committee should immediately prepare a job analysis for the position and attempt to fill it by October 1st, 1955."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Clement

(Dictated September 6th)

September 8, 1955

Mr. J. Henry Smith
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee General Alumni Association
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Smith:

Had a good time, and a restful night at Dorothy Hall. Thank you for such kind provision.

Bill was $15.00 mileage, plus a dollar for breakfast Sunday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 8, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Loescher:

Since I talked with you last week, I have read Kenneth Clark's book Prejudice and Your Child. My reaction to it is virtually identical with yours. It is a good summing up of the current thinking on prejudice by the various schools of social science, and the second part may at least start some people thinking about active programs in this field. I don't think Clark's "Program for Action" is as down-to-earth as it might be, but it is helpful as far as it goes.

In short, I should think it would be worthwhile for the Fund to acquire a supply of the book for pretty selective distribution. We should like, for example, to distribute it to our staff members and selected members of the regional and state boards.

A word about the film, "For Fair Play". All reports are good. Mrs. Tilly and committee of church women previewed it and liked it enough to schedule it for a state-wide meeting of church women this week. Mrs. Tilly will write to you herself about it, after it is shown early next week. George Mitchell has seen the film at two A.F. of L. training sessions, likes it himself, and reports it got a very good reception from the union members present. That is a real indorsement, I think.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Asssistant Director

HCF/ys

September 8, 1955

Mr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richards:

We all regretted the decision required by your letter of resignation from the Executive Committee. Technically the authority with the power to accept the resignation from the Executive Committee is the Executive Committee itself. Your letter was brought to their attention at the meeting at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, August 17th. Whereupon the Committee accepted the resignation with regret.

We are all aware that your new and important duties make it advisable to reduce your outside commitments to a minimum, and are only grateful for the long interest you have had in the Southern Regional Council.

I remind you that you remain a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, in accordance with your election in May, 1953, for a term expiring in November, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Members of Nominating Committee:
Mr. Hammer
Mr. Brimm
Mr. Mays
Mrs. Birnie
Rt. Rev. Shean

September 9, 1955

Mr. Robert L. Cannon
Area Secretary
Fellowship of Reconciliation
914 19th Avenue South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your request for information about the so-called White Citizens Councils.

The Executive-Secretary of the Mississippi association of Citizens Councils and most frequent spokesman forthe movement is one Robert B. Patterson, described as a Holly Ridge planter. I too have seen some mention of Winona as the headquarters, but I believe you will find that the actual headquarters business is conducted in Jackson where the largest local council exists.

The organization unfortunately wields considerable influence in Mississippi and is working toward establishing local councils in the neighboring states of Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. These efforts are concentrated in the black belt areas of these states and that is where the real strength of the movement lies. The top leadership is drawn from the reactionary and well-to-do element of the white population which has profited from the old semi-feudal economic and racial arrangements. Many of these people were identified with the Dixiecrat political movement of 1948. In many ways the Citizens Councils look like a calculated effort to must grassroots political support forthis brand of Southern politics.

Patterson claims 253 chapters in Mississippi with a combined membership of 60,000, plus a scattering of chapters in Alabama and rural Arkansas. I doubt that anybody is in position to evaluate the validity of this claim, but it is undeniably true that the Mississippi politicians are anxious not to offend the group. As you know, the self-described aim of the White Citizens Council is to preserve segregation by "legal means"-specifically the use of economic pressure on Negroes who assert their right to non-segregated facilities and white persons who abet the movement toward integration. So far as anybody can learn, the councils have not been directly involved in any act of violence, although it is fair to assume that their propaganda serves to stimulate violent methods on the

part of the rougher elements of the population.

I am sure that when you arrive in Mississippi, you will have no difficulty learning the names of the leaders in the organization. I suggest, however, that you call on the Executive-Secretary of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations for additional information. She is Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells, 1104 Lynch Street, Jackson. I am sending her a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 9, 1955

A I R M A I L

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Frank Loescher writes me September 8th that you should be alerted to the possibility that the Fund for the Republic's Committee on Awards may ask for a meeting with you at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 15th. Loescher says "The chances are that the Committee will not think it necessary, but just in case, will you post Mr. Wright on this?"

I have your card of the 8th, saying that you are to go down to Durham Monday afternoon. A telephone which would reach me at Junaluska is GLendale 6-3611. That would not be immediate, but it would reach me within a couple of hours I should think. I will be residing at something called the Junaluska Apartments, which is a motel owned and operated on the Assembly grounds by the Assembly itself.

Best thing would be for you to get word to me on Wednesday that you are coming over, either Thursday or Friday.

If they pull you up to New York, I suppose our meeting is off.

I expect to get away from Junaluska Friday evening, or at the latest, Saturday morning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1955

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
512 Ebenezer Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

The office hastened to send off to you what we hoped was exactly your order. The one hundred mimeographed book-lets by Ana Holden are free to you. The one hundred " Changing Patterns" cost $42.00. That is a discount from $50.00.

We mistakenly sent a hundred " Questions and Answers ". Please send them back when convient.

" A Check List for your Local Schools " is entirely out of print. I send you one copy herewith from our files so that you may mimeograph any part you wish.

Postage on a package we sent over was $2.72. So if you will send us $44.72, we will be grateful and when you can, send back the " Questions and Answers ".

I hope we can discuss further the matter of Father Foley, but I am satisfied you know what to do.

Sincerely

DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GSM:rt
Encls.

September 9, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Loescher:

I was to get word to you about various items; (a) Margaret Long; (b) conversations with church people; (c) problems of teachers in Georgia; and (d) Father Foley's concern.

(a) One Margaret Long. Two children, divorced, husband now dead. Two novels, at least, one with Georgia setting -- "Affair of the Heart." When it came out she was working on the paper in Macon, Georgia. The book offended local mores, racial and otherwise, and she was turned out of her job with the paper. Got a job with the magazine section of the Atlanta Journal, and quite suddenly was let go there. Got a job with the advertising part of Davidson's big Atlanta department store, at which time (several months ago), Harold Fleming offered her a job with SHC, but she turned it down as not paying enough. Since then she has moved her employment to a goodish furniture store in Atlanta (Haverty's), where again she does advertising work. The chain of losses of jobs is circumstantial evidence, no more, of persecution. We can and will hear more later on, and I'll let you know the result. We think she is a gifted person, useful to be helped.

(b) I think the right man to deal with in the Council of Churches is Quinter Miller. He runs their field operations. They keep a man in Atlanta. Quite a good man. And his job is to spread and improve state Councils of Churches in the South. He now has some going with paid staff in Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and Texas. He is about to get one going in Arkansas and about to get one going in South Carolina. I have not gathered that lack of money is what holds back even wider performance in this field. In Mississippi and Louisiana there is just the simple unpopularity of the National Council because it takes honest stands.

Best Idea I have heard comes from the man employed by the Georgia Council of Churches, who says that he would like to arrange in quite a number of cities and towns in the state local one-day study meetings of church people.

It would be agreed in advance that the meetings would take no actions, make no recommendations, and pass no resolutions. But they would be church people taking a hard look at the arguments in Georgia of unsegregated public schools. I saw such a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, and I greatly praise the method. Maybe if the state Councils receive through the National Council sums of money, not at all large, for this purpose that would be the best that could be done. A thousand or two dollars per Southern state would yield a lot of meetings.

(c) Bennie Mays is out of town until the end of this week, and I would not care to advise on the matter of the Negro teachers in Georgia without further conference with him, but will write you my next time in this office which is September 19. Meanwhile, if you need information from Mays, he will be in his office from September 12th, and his Atlanta number is MUrray 8-4223.

(d) The matter of Father Foley and Father Shean proceeds merrily. My advise would be that Shean sees further into the kind of Institute that would work than Foley does. Foley has hold of the standard USA Northern type human relations workshop. Shean would turn it into a glove to fit the situation. Both are exceedingly straight guys.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1955

Mr. Carl Hicks
315 Mason Court
Baltimore 31, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hicks:

Your letter requesting information has been referred to me.

I am sorry but we do not have very much specific information on intermarriage. I enclose a copy of the material we have on hand.

Also, I enclose a copy of the publications list of the Southern Regional Council. If any of the publications are of interest to you, please let me know.

Again, I am sorry we cannot be more helpful to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.
Publications List
Notes on Intermarriage

September 9, 1955

Mr. Edward Eldredge Brewster, Ph.D.
997 Elizabeth Lane
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Brewster:

I and one of my associates here have read your paper with care and interest.

You have hold of the truth; no doubt about it. But we would offer the following ideas on it:

Too many hard slugs of truth in the one paper; a magazine would be more apt to take some one idea, more fully developed.

For magazine use, more paraphrase and less quote. I know that violates a scientific conscience, but do you want scientific or general circulation?

In general, a pretty high, dry, and abstract sociological tone -- correct, but too much strain on the limited attention of a broad public.

Lastly, and to me most important, you splash down a catalogue of Southern errors, all of which should be freely acknowledged, but you offer no hint of how history fetched in these errors; and the public, remembering some twisted version of the history, reasons that it will take much additional history to correct them.

Again, give people some hint of how to go about correcting what's wrong. Social change isn't like religious conversion. People aren't going suddenly to see that custom is hurtful, and drop it. How shall the South go about acting on your ideas?

I should think if you would address your reading and thinking to how we got into this frame of mind, and then to how we get out, (by taking to heart what you know is the truth), you would turn out something very useful indeed.

This is not intended to be discouraging, it's just frank. Delightful to find someone who sees what's right; I only want you to go on and say how to do what's right.

Sincerely,

GSM/eab

George S. Mitchell
President

September 9, 1955

Miss Mary Dolan
c/o WORK
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mary:

Once upon a time I was trying to get a farm co-op in North Carolina going a bit better. One of the members took me out behind his barn and said, "Mitchell, my daddy was a blacksmith. And he taught me nothing won't weld on the first heat. Hot it up one time, and cool it off. Hot it up the second time, hammer it together, and it'll stick."

I have some recollection of telling you this when last I was at Friendship House, but I write it down, to cheer you and Anne Foley, if you need cheering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1955

Miss Lennie Britt
Treasurer
Louisville Conference
W.S.C.S.
310 East Front Street
Glasgow, Kentucky

Dear Miss Britt:

We sent you, on August 24th, our official receipt for the very kind gift of $25.00 which the W.S.C.S., Louisville Conference, sent us August 21st.

Because you said that it would have to be the last such gift, I checked back to see how long this helpful support had been given to us. Your first contribution came in April, 1948.

That is a long long record of help, and we are exceedingly grateful to you and to the whole W.S.C.S. in the Louisville Conference for those devoted years.

I honestly think you have had your money's worth, but I want to be sure that all of you understand that we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1955

Mr. Lorimer D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

The Southern Regional Council would like to borrow the sum of $15,000 for the period September 19 - November 4, 1955, only.

The Council possesses savings certificates with the Fulton National Bank in Atlanta, numbers 1348, 1349, 1376, 1377, 1378, and 1379, each in the amount of $10,000. These may only be cashed upon ninety days notice to the bank. We gave ninety days notice for the first two of the certificates August 4th, and for the remaining four certificates August 11th. The Fulton National Bank, in the person of Mr. J. Calhoun McDougall, Jr., has notified us August 30th that we will receive a cashier's check approximately three months from the date of August 30th, for each group of certificates. Appropriate redemption forms have been executed and dispatched to the Fulton National Bank.

We find that our obligations to the state programs will come upon us somewhat earlier than we had anticipated, and we therefore will stand in need of a portion of this money lodged with the Fulton National Bank before expiration of the ninety days due notice. We have carefully calculated the sum needed and the period of need as $15,000 from September 19th to November 4th.

We have on deposit with you in excess of $6,000, but shall plan to draw on that between now and September 19th.

Additionally, we could pledge as security any two of the savings certificates now lodged for redemption with the Fulton National Bank. Additionally, also, we could pledge the entire sum lodged to the credit of the Southern Regional Council at the Citizens and Southern National Bank, Peachtree office, being savings account 7357 in the amount of $8,350.

The undersigned, as officers of the Southern Regional Council, do hereby pledge these three items (monies on deposit in your bank; savings certificates #1348 and 1349, each in the amount of $10,000, the property of the Southern Regional Council lodged with the Fulton National Bank, Atlanta office; and the Southern Regional Council's savings account with the Citizens and Southern National Bank, savings account 7357 in the amount of $8,350.

If the Citizens Trust Company will be so kind as to accord us this credit, we will be exceedingly grateful. We will be happy to execute such notes or other evidences of indebtedness as may be desired.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
(Acting) Secretary-Treasurer

GSM/eab

cc: RA

September 9, 1955

Mr. Bert Struby
THE MACON TELEGRAPH
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Struby:

We have read with interest and gratification your editorials proposing a "summit meeting" in Georgia. Certainly something of this kind is badly needed, if only to demonstrate that the idea of statesmanship is not completely dead in our state.

I have passed on the editorial to Dr. Guy Wells who was to be in Macon this week. I hope that you and he will find an opportunity to discuss this idea further and that you will be able to devise a means for enlisting additional public support for the proposed meeting.

I shall be in touch with Dr. Wells on his return. Meanwhile, if there is any other way in which we can further the proposal we shall be happy to do so.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

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Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Wash., D.C.

9/12/55

TO: Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

DR. MITCHELL AWAY THIS WEEK OTHER STAFF MEMBERS GLAD TO SEE MR. SHUM RESERVATIONS FOR HIM AT BUTLER STREET Y.M.C.A. SUGGEST THAT HE CALL SRC ON ARRIVAL.

Harold C. Fleming

September 12, 1955

TO: HAROLD C. FLEMING

FROM: George S. Mitchell

I will be gone on Monday, September 12th. On that day Mr. Mays will again be available at his office.

I would appreciate your being in touch with Mr. Mays to get Mays' opinion of the man G. S. Alexander whom Mays sent us as a possible Administrative Assistant.

Please keep notes of Mays' interview, as they will be needed for the Personnel Committee. You might also try to get information from Mr. Whittaker who has been ill, but he will, if back, be at the bank at CYpress 8282.

GSM/eab
(Dictated 9/9)

September 12, 1955

(Dictated 9/9)

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

The three candidates we had available for the position of administrative assistant were G. S. Alexander, Thomas Crittenden, and Harry Wright.

Harry Wright was known to me intimately, and Mr. Parrish interviewed him in New York and approved him staffwise. But, upon it being made known to the United Negro College Fund that the Southern Regional Council wished Mr. Wright's services, the Fund increased Wright's salary to a figure that makes it wiser for him to stay in New York.

The personnel information on G. S. Alexander is as follows:

Personal:

Born in Columbus, Georgia June 19, 1912. Both parents deceased. Single.

Education: Public schools of Columbus, Georgia. Morehouse College, Atlanta, 1935-1939; graduated with A.B. degree, major in business administration and minor in education. Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1951-53; 39 semester hours in School of Business Administration. Has to write thesis in order to receive M.B.A. degree.

Military:

Served in the Army of the United States from November, 1942 until November 1945. Served as Technician Fifth Grade in Personnel Department as Classification Clerk with 366th Infantry Regiment. Honorably discharged.

Employment Record:

June, 1939 to June, 1941 -- Assistant to the Director of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration for the State of Georgia. William H. Shell, immediate supervisor.

July, 1941 to November, 1942 -- Assistant Bursar and Cashier, Morehouse College, Atlanta. Served as accountant, bookkeeper, cashier, etc., for the college. F. C. Cassett (Deceased) and President Benjamin E. Mays immediate supervisors.

November, 1945 to September, 1953 — Bursar and Assistant Treasurer, Morehouse College. Chief fiscal officer for the college. President Benjamin Mays immediate supervisor.

July, 1953 to present — Associate of the Moss H. Kendrix Organization, Washington, D. C., Public Relations Counselors for the Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta. Mr. Moss H. Kendrix immediate supervisor.

References:

Professor J. B. Blayton, C.P.A., Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. John P. Whittaker, President, Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association, 205 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

The personnel information on Mr. Thomas Crittenden, taken down verbally, is as follows:

Age - 28
Total of 3½ years at Greenville, Alabama.
Attended A & I in Nashville, and Atlanta University.
Two years in the Army — mostly personnel work.
Nine months as accountant and part-time instructor at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, where presently employed at $3,500 per annum.
Present address at Marshall - 1501 West Grand Avenue. Telephone 5-2354.

On interviewing both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Crittenden, it seemed to me that Alexander had somewhat the edge over Crittenden in points of maturity, experience, and judgment.

Accordingly, I wrote Mr. Alexander as enclosed.

It has not been possible for me to obtain information from Mr. Mays or Mr. Whittaker about Mr. Alexander. Mr. Mays (who originally sent Alexander to us) has been out of town, and Mr. Whittaker is ill. I have written to Moss H. Kendrix Organization in Washington for information as to Alexander. He was employed by Kendix until a short while ago at $6,000 a year.

I regard the question of whom to employ and at what figure and when one for decision by the Personnel Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Clement
(Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

Encl.

September 12, 1955

(Dictated September 9th)

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Herewith a first payment of $750 toward Irene Osborne's salary and social security. I acknowledge that it would be a simpler transaction to send you the entire $5,000 plus social security in one check; but it so happens that we tied up a goodly sum in interest bearing time deposits which for the moment are not available to us. Therefore, I send you enough to cover her salary and social security for the entire months of October and for the first half of November. The balance of $4,250, plus social security for the whole year, will be sent to you in a single check November 7, 1955.

I hope that this does not unduly complicate your bookkeeping.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc: RA

September 12, 1955

(Dictated September 9th)

Mr. Moss H. Kendrix
1830 Eleventh Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kendrix:

We are considering employing, as an administrative assistant, Mr. G. S. Alexander of Columbus, Georgia, who was lately employed by your organization. I would be grateful for information from you as to the reasons for his severance of connection from your office, latest salary received from you, and a confidential estimate of his quality and ability.

The position with us is a fairly important one, and we are anxious to move soundly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 12, 1955

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
104 "C" Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Osborne:

I am herewith enclosing a "Proposed Schedule of Irene Osborne" and a copy of the letter that has gone to the State Executive Director regarding your future availability, which was omitted from your letter of September 6.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city and will return Monday, September 19. We will check with him about a suitable place for you to stay while you are in the city.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Yvonne Southall

September 13, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

My apology for not answering your recent letters sooner. We have recently had a spell of no secretarial assistance.

As to the question about New South, some special effort is required to send it in a plain envelope; however, we can do so for a limited number-say, a total of forty copies. We should prefer to have at least the street address (minus "New South" and "SRC") shown on the envelope otherwise we have no way of knowing whether the New South is reaching the subscriber, and you would be surprised to know how many changes of address and other confusions arise. Please advise us as to whether it will be satisfactory to show the return address as "Room 405 - 63 Auburn Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Georgia."

The various items you have been sending help us greatly to keep informed. I can well understand how difficult the work of the South Carolina Council is at this time.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 13, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat Griswold:

Thanks for the clippings about Hoxie developments. It is encouraging indeed, for a change, to find the local school board standing firm. I am sure much of the credit belongs to the discreet efforts of the Arkansas Council.

The information about the Crossett ministerial alliance is also heartening. I will add it to our slowly increasing store of information on this subject.

While I am writing, let me repeat our thanks for the clippings which you have been sending. They help us greatly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 13, 1955

Mr. Clifford A. Straus
1210 Cleveland Road
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Straus:

Dr. Mitchell, who has been out of the office, has asked me to reply to your recent letter about possible openings with the Southern Regional Council.

State organizations affiliated with the Council are operating in twelve southern states. However, all of them are fully staffed at this time and I regret to say that there are no openings to which we might refer you.

We shall be glad, of course, to notify you in the event of vacancies later on. As you probably know the state organizations actually do the employing of their staff. We have no standard application form, but if you would like us to have a resume on file, we shall be glad to have it.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 13, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

One or two matters:

(1) We have sent copies of your letter on the Mississippi Lynching to editors of some dozen southern newspapers. I am doubtful that Ralph McGill, who was included, will see his way clear to print it in view of his publisher's attitude. However, we will hope for its publication in at least some of the papers approached.

(2) I am returning the copy of your good letter to Governor Hodges.

(3) We will research "Words and Phrases" for any references to the phrase "deliberate speed." I was under the impression that the phrase was a new coinage, but I may well be mistaken.

(4) I read with interest the copy of Judge Waring's letter to the Fund for the Republic. My pleasure at his praise of the Southern Regional Council was tainted slightly by personal embarrassment. As I believe I wrote you in forwarding Yarmolinsky's Memorandum, the Fund was eager to keep the word of this proposed project quite confidential. I was asked to solicit the views of a limited number of specific persons, among whom you were included at my suggestion. I am sorry that I did not make this limitation clearer in my letter to you. No harm has been done, I am sure, but naturally I would not like the Fund to feel that I or the Council generally is a garrulous confidant.

(5) I like your idea of historic quotes on the value of public school systems and will try to find and run some appropriate ones. We will also use at least part of the letter from the Ashville Citizen, and I will pass the full text on to Harry Jones with the suggestion that he disseminate it further.

(6) We are quite pleased at the further publicity received by William Faulkner's letter--especially since it results from the New South printing. Ben Price, who sent it out on the AP wire, is an old friend who began his investigation in this office.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys
Enclosure

September 16, 1955

Mr. Scott Briar
Psychiatric Social Worker
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Briar:

Thank you for your letter of September 7th. I regret the delay in reply, but pressures of backlog of work prevented an earlier one.

Mr. Mitchell has asked me to write that he accepts with pleasure your invitation to address the Kansas Conference of Social Work Banquet, Monday evening, April 23, 1956. He has noted that the Conference will pay his expenses round trip Atlanta-Topeka, and an honorarium of $100, which is perfectly satisfactory.

Mr. Mitchell looks forward to hearing from you in the months ahead as to meeting place, probable hotel accommodations, etc.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

September 16, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

FROM: Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director

This is to summarize telephone conversations with Frank Loescher Thursday and Friday.

(1) The board of Fund for the Republic acted favorably on our request for the expectable grant for the coming year. The question of an additional grant for the so called training program did not come up in the meeting. Action on the proposal for community awards was deferred until the next board meeting.

(2) Ashmore discussed with Loescher his (Ashmore's) failure to bring up the question of the additional training funds. Ashmore felt that the agenda was so packed that there was little chance of satisfactory consideration of the question. He and Frank agreed that perhaps the best thing would be for Harry to have a full discussion with Ferry prior to the next regular meeting of the Fund Board. Frank further suggests that we arrange for a full workout with Harry, in the course of which a new and more saleable formulation might be agreed on.

(3) The Fund is prepared to assist some organized plan for supporting teachers fired because of their views on integration. They failed to provide a stand-by fund for this purpose pending an approach by an organized group willing and able to administer such a program. I told Frank we would see what we could do to further the idea.

(4) Frank has had discussions with Oscar Lee, Ed Lucas, and Thelma Stevens regarding the need for pamphlets on important aspects of race relations. I will discuss this with you further next week.

(5) There is some possibility that the Fund may want to distribute copies of Marion Wright's speech before the Committee on Rural Schools. We still have the stencils and I said we would supply copies at cost.

(6) Frank had received a call from Almita Robinson about her readiness to work for the Texas Commission. He merely conveyed the fact to us for information with no desire to interfere. I told him what I knew of the Texas situation.

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September 19, 1955

Dr. Claude Thompson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

On behalf of the United Church Women of Georgia and for myself personally, I am writing to express my appreciation and thanks for the great service you rendered us in our Retreat.

You led us along difficult paths and challenged us to follow the Way. What you said will live in the minds and hearts of the women and will help them be strong in these days of changing social patterns.

I am enclosing a small check to cover your expenses.

Deeply grateful to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET/ys
Enclosure

September 19, 1955

Dr. J. C. Thoroman
Veterans Hospital
5998 Peachtree Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thoroman:

On behalf of the United Church Women of Georgia and for myself, personally, I am writing this note to express my appreciation and thanks for the great service you rendered us in our Retreat.

We hope you will find time to write out the message you gave to us. This interpretation of the difficulty of China and the relationship to them with our race problem in Georgia have never been put so vividly before us.

Please except our sincere thanks.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

September 19, 1955

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
7 New Town Lane
Charleston 50, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I have been away a good part of the summer and we have been short of stenographic work, since your letter has remained unanswered.

We are not dependent upon Miss Wilson. Mrs. McAbbee is the key methodist woman upon which we would have to depend. Think through all this again and see what can be done.

We have just had a great meeting in Georgia and I will leave tomorrow for a two day meeting in Florida. If I don't see you before I leave, I will see you at the Assembly in Cleveland.

With every good which to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

September 19, 1955

Dr. Guy H. Ransom
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Ransom:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I entered your subscription to New South.

We here at the Council think your article in the Religious Herald is excellent and believe it will be quite useful. Again we thank you for your permission to reprint the article.

I am enclosing a pamphlet containing information concerning the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council. Perhaps you may find this information of value to you.

Thank you again.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys
Enclosure

September 19, 1955

Mr. Russell L. Twing
732 Ashby Drive
Waynesboro, Virginia

Dear Mr. Twing:

Your letter of September 14, 1955, has been referred to me.

We are sending under separate cover material we think might be helpful in the desegregation program. Also, we are including some information leaflets concerning the Southern Regional Council. Also included is a publication list of the Council. If you think any of the publications listed would be of help to you, please let us know.

In Virginia, there is a state affiliate of the Council which was purposely set-up to work in this field. I suggest that you get in touch with the Reverend John Marion, Executive Director of the Virginia group. I am sure he can be of help to you. His address is 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond 19, Virginia.

Please don't hesitate to call upon us if we can be of further help.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

September 19, 1955

Mrs. Arthur Styron
262 Peachtree Hill Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Martha:

I am enclosing the bill for the printing of the Charter Certificate we used in the historical story.

As the Southern Regional Council had this done, it might be well to make a check to the SRC. There is another little bill of $4.50, which I paid the boy for mimeographing the copies and putting them together. This little check for $4.50 can be made to me.

Love and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

September 19, 1955

Mrs. Stewart Colley
Grantville
Georgia

Dear Mary:

I find from Mrs. Patton, that the New York office included in its appropriation on Interpretation money for the Retreat, so I can just ask the treasurer to give me a check for Ten ($10.00) Dollars for Dr. Thompson and also for the other expenses.

You were really very wonderful at our church. The impromptu speech fitted in better than the historical one would have.

I am writing this letter in my office just as I have received one from you. About the material "Toward Combining on Efforts for a Lasting Peace", I have material at home. I am leaving for a two day meeting in Florida, and I will have to wait until I come back to give the material to you.

I think we had a good Retreat and I hope it did much to change some people and gave all the women the courage to go forward.

With love and good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

September 19, 1955

Mr. Lloyd Schneider
Cokesbury Book Store
72 Broad Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Cokesbury Book Store certainly did render an invaluable service to Georgia, when it gave so much help to the Retreat of the United Church Women of Georgia. The women had to face difficult things that were against the mores of our time-the Supreme Court Decision on Schools, Capital and Labor Problems, and others.

The slides and film strips and the organ music, Marguerite Newell furnished us at apt times during the two days, built up a religious conviction in the minds and hearts of the women. From their own lips they said the Retreat had been a great spiritual adventure.

The books you sent to us for browsing were used in the quiet times they had and they were most appreciative. Marguerite Newell was just wonderful in her sense of appropriation and interpretation. She threw herself into the whole event and is about the most cooperative person with whome I have ever worked.

On behalf of the United Church Women and of myself, personally, I am writing this as a very weak means of expressing the thanks and appreciation we feel to you, the Book Store, and Marguerite.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

September 19, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We have been trying to put together with accuracy the answer to your letter of September 2nd.

Mississippi began with paid staff January 1, 1955, which means that it ran with paid staff nine months in the current fiscal year. That makes its quota to be raised nine-twelfths of $1800, or $1,350. Of that, by your report as of August 31st, you have raised $925.59, leaving $424.41 still to be raised.

I acknowledge that it seems a bit rigid to hold Mississippi and some other states which were slow in getting an associate to the full quota, but all states had the money for an associate equally available and all we can do is be even-handed in our offer. We must hold you to the quota of $1,350.

Your second question was, how much you are supposed to receive for general expenses. The amount you are supposed to receive for general expenses is $2,394. (See Katherine Stoney's letter to you dated June 22, 1955.) Of that amount, you have received $2,044.67, which leaves a balance of $349.33.

Your third question was, what happens to unsued funds that were allotted to rent, furniture and secretary. Rent and furniture would come under money allotted for general expenses. It is not possible to use any part of money reserved for salaries for general expenses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA

September 19, 1955

Mr. J. Henry Smith
Tuskegee General Alumni Association
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Smith:

How kind of the Tuskegee Alumni Association to find a whole $50.00. We are very grateful for it. It means a contribution of $34.00 to the general funds of the Southern Regional Council.

I had a good time as I always do at Tuskegee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mr. William E. Byerly
337 S. E. Forty-Sixth Street
Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Byerly:

The Southern Regional Council is grateful for the check for $5.00 from the Oklahoma City Friends meeting, sent on through Mr. Duncan our Oklahoma Board member.

Good Mr. Duncan is trying to put together a total of $100, and your check makes the second contribution he has had toward it.

We will send you our magazine for the coming year, and hope you will like it. It is called New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl. - Official SRC Receipt $5.00

cc: Mr. O. D. Duncan
RA

September 19, 1955

Mr. Joe Glazer
Education Director
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and
Plastic Workers of America
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Joe:

Thanks a lot for advance note on the guy coming in from Malay.

I spent all last week at the CIO school for the upper South at Junaluska. We sang your songs and missed you often.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mr. J. W. Cantrell
Young Harris,
Georgia

Dear Mr. Cantrell:

Many thanks for your letter, which I have been grateful for.

What I have been saying is merely that the need of the hour is for significant public and private recognition of equal human dignity. Communities which muster that will be rewarded by an unleashing of reserves of character and confidence they have not hitherto known of.

Do come to see us when next you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Irene:

I have puzzled some about where you ought to stay when you first get to town. The choice lies on the Hampton Hotel at the corner of Houston and Ivy Streets. Small, a shade grubby (despite a brand new fancy dressed-up shiny marble front), $2.50 a night, one block from this office. Much frequented by persons sent touring around as State Department foreign visitors. You would be perfectly safe there for your first weekend, and if you don't like it you could move out. But it would give you a place to light.

We will reserve a room for you for the night of Friday, September 30th. You can come in on the airport bus to the Piedmont Hotel. The Hampton Hotel is a block and a quarter from the Piedmont Hotel. Many bags, take taxi. Dismally, the Southern Regional Council is ill-attended on Saturday morning, especially when I am out of town as I will be that day.

You will find Harold Fleming available at SYcamore 4-8491, and Fred Routh, if in the city, available at Elgin 2021. I am back in town on Monday, October 3rd. Indeed, I ought to get home Sunday, the 2nd. Much for us to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mr. David S. Burgess
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dave:

Sure! Be glad to see the Swedish guys on Tuesday, November 29th between 3:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon.

We all miss you and your family.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mr. Clarence Hughes
Room 420
Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

This letter came through from the school teacher I met at Clarksville late in August.

It is a person letter and not public business, but it seems to me exceptionally revealing as to what the situation is in her area. I thought you, and perhaps one or two other people in your office would like to read it and return it to me. It shouldn't be copied and it shouldn't be in any way published!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Ltr from Mrs. Russo 9/9/55
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mrs. R. T. Russo
230 Georgia Avenue
Clarksville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russo:

You were mighty nice to write your kind letter of September 9th, which gives me a great deal of information about what the situation is in your area. I have a sister who spent many years in Evansville, so I know a little of what the man there was talking about. Sorry to know that he is a fraud.

The South will have to slew around on this whole matter. It is just a question of how much farther we go in this direction before we do the slewing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Miss Georgene B. Lovekky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Gene:

I have begun a long letter to Bob Weaver and should get it off in a day or so.

Meanwhile, I have written to Bob Weaver and asked him to save lunch time for me on the 27th, and if you will save supper time we can try again the Gramercy Park, or whatever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mr. Robert Weaver
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

The Presbyterians are paying for me to be in New York the end of this month for three or four days. Could I try to tie you down for lunch on Tuesday, September 27th. If you will be free, I will be at your door at five minutes to 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

Generally speaking I am against polls. Asking most Southern people what they think of unsegregation is like asking them whether they would like some confection they have never tasted. They don't know and they give confused answers. They have never seen an "unsegregation." Also I am taken with the point made by Sobeloff before the Supreme Court, who, when the matter of polls came up, quite suavely said " I had not expected that the enforcement of one's civil rights depended upon a public opinion poll."

I think the right thing to do is to persuade the people at the top that they should abide by the law; persuade some general citizens that abiding by the law is right; and then press for lawful action.

Here is a poll that was made. Though I don't know the circumstances, I suppose that those who took part in it would consider that they did have some rights to have the results of the poll analyzed. I agree that the findings are less unfavorable to desegregation that one might have expected; still I do not think that the figures give much help to the cause for desegregation. But if a commitment has been made to produce the results of the poll, the results should be produced.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 19, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

I know you said back in April that you would try to scare together some or all of the $100 for SRC before the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 1955). I don't press you, but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. I. H. Burney
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

When Rufus Clement wrote you back in April about the action of the Executive Committee of SRC in urging that the Board members join them in sending in $100 apiece before September 30, 1955, you said you would be in touch with us about what you could do. I do not press you unduly, but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Every now and then I run through the list of our would-be-$100-contributors from the Board. We record you happily as having $15.00 deeply paid in from Mrs. McAlpin back in July. The end of our fiscal year comes September 30th. I don't press, but I do remind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McDowell:

We recall that when Mr. Clement wrote you and we followed up about the hope of the Executive Committee of SBC that Board members would try to put together $100 for us before the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 1955), you wrote in July and said you would try to put it together. I don't press you, but I do remind you of the approach of September 30th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Hollis:

Five or six beneficent souls from the Board have already sent in their $100 which Rufus Clement wrote out and asked Board members to try to put together by September 30th -- which is the end of our fiscal year. I know you wrote and said you would do what you could to get it together. I don't press it but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We have swapped letters back and forth about Mr. Clement's idea of getting Board members to find $100 before the end of the fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955. You wrote us back in April that you would try to get it together. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Judge L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Judge Thomas:

You wrote us at the end of July that toward finding the $100, you were going to turn somebody upside down and tear his pockets if need be! I don't press you but I do remind you that September 30, which is the end of the fiscal year, is coming along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Robert Johnson
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

C.H. and I have both read with interest and appreciation your kind letter of August 29th.

I take it that things will have to stay as they are for the time being, but I would hope that in some happy future we can make a hookup.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 9th)

September 19, 1955

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. A. S. Turnipseed
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Lewisburg,
Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. J. Edwin Smith
505 Scanlan Building
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Gallatin,
Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

The Right Reverend E. A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. A. G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council Before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Mr. Clyde Milner
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Milner:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. John McCann
231 Baronne Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. McCann:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Z. A. Looby
419 Fourth Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Looby:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

PLEASE FORWARD

Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Lanier:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. S. Thomas Friedman
1110 Bissonet
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

The Right Reverend Charles Clingman
421 South Second Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Clingman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Hodding Carter
Editor
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. A. J. Clement
District Manager
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance
Company
702 High Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Clement:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Mr. Ulysses S. Bond
Madison,
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bond:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 16, 1955

Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. H. V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

Miss Sophie Van S. Thies
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Thies:

I get a trip to New York September 27th, 28th, and 29th, mostly to do a job for the Northern Presbyterians.

I would like to come in and report on what we have been doing with your help.

Would there be a suitable time on the 27th, or perhaps on the morning of the 28th of September?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 9th)

September 19, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

I am to be in New York for Clifford Earle of the Northern Presbyterians for September 27th, 28th, and 29th.

At about opening of business on the 28th, I will call your office and hope to find you available.

If you know now that that won't work, you might write me and I will try to adapt my schedule so as to put me at your service any time that would suit you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 9th)

September 19, 1955

Mr. Alexander Miller
The Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alex:

It really is so that I am coming to New York September 27th, 28th, and 29th. My most free time seems to be on the 27th and the morning of the 28th. I have to go to work for something Clifford Earle in the Northern Presbyterian Church wants done from Wednesday afternoon through Thursday evening.

If you will name a time when I could come to see you at the office, I would love to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 9th)

September 19, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

I am going to be in New York Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 27th, 28th, and 29th, for Clifford Earle of the Northern Presbyterian Church. Free time on the 27th and the morning of the 28th. I would like to come and tell you what we have been doing with the Field Foundation's help. Would that be possible on the afternoon of the 27th or the morning of the 28th -- either that might suit you? And if none of those, I could try for a squeeze-in later on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

(Dictated September 9th)

September 20, 1955

Mr. David D. Carroll
P. O. Box 564
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I have only today seen your letter in the September 14th issue of the New York Times. Bravo! So very right that if the leadership of the two groups can sit down together they can find a statesmanlike solution.

Such a joy to see someone that really understands what is up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.)

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MR. FRED ROUTH
c/o MRS. T. KIVELL
BOX 26 RRI
HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

BECKMAN WIRED THAT TENNESSEE'S CONSULTANTS MEET SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 and 25 AT FONT NA, N.C. AND WOULD GREATLY LIKE FOR YOU TO BE THERE. HAVE TOLD BECKMAN YOU ARE ON WHEELS AND UNCERTAIN WHETHER YOU CAN BE OR NOT.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

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MR. F. WOODS BECKMAN
5908 MAGAZINE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

ROUTH IS ON VACATION CANADA. TRAVELLING HOMEWARDS YOUR FONTANA WEEKEND.

HAVE WIRED HIM AND SUGGESTED HE TRY TO BE FONTANA. RESULT NOT KNOWABLE.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

September 20, 1955

Mr. William M. Cooper
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

That one's a honey. I called Jack Marion just now and praised the idea, and made my few suggestions as to where the Virginia Council might get the money -- mainly the Old Dominion Foundation, which is Mellon money, reachable in Charlottesville.

We will ponder spreading the notion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. John H. Marion
bc: FBR

September 20, 1955

Mr. Francis Manis
Associate Professor
School of Social Work
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Manis:

Nice job. Many thanks for sending.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1955

Mr. W. E. Solomon
Executive Secretary
Palmetto Education Association
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Nice to talk with you just now.

Harold Fleming will come up and will try to be there for some of the Saturday meeting and certainly for some of the ~~Saturday~~ Sunday morning meeting. He will be there to talk and will take informingly and encouragingly. I wish I could come, but my schedule is just so tight that if I were to fit it in I would be dog tired and of little good to you.

We are grateful for your undertaking to cover Mr. Fleming's expenses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 19th)

bc: HCF

September 20, 1955

Miss Helen E. Amerman
5439 South Kimbark
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Helen:

So glad you are hooked in. The lady they built the Taj Mahal for was dead. I hope somebody will build you an administrative Taj Mahal while you are still going good.

Fred Routh is going to the NAIRO meeting instead of me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

(Dictated September 19th)
GSM/eab

September 20, 1955

Mrs. Victor J. Ashe
2900 Hollister Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ashe:

Thursday is a difficult day for me; possible, but tough. The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council meets at Tuskegee Institute November 9th. That is the climax of a year's work. The only way for me to get from Tuskegee to Norfolk in the course of Thursday would be to fly, and I never feel right about undertaking to be at a meeting if I am to get to it via an airplane. If you meeting has to be Thursday night, November 10th, I will be willing to accept and come, but I accept subject to the plane's flying.

If there is any way that, perhaps, a smaller group could come together in the course of the 11th or the 12th -- perhaps in the daytime? -- that is a cinch for me.

You decide what you want to do and I will fit in some way. But I am mighty skittish about Thursday night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 19th)

September 20, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I spent the week of September 11-16 at a CIO Leadership Training School for the upper South held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. There were a number of CIO members from North Carolina who were present. Most of them are officers of their local unions.

Not all of them by any means were taken with what I had to say, but they were all thoughtful people, active in their local communities. I believe that if you would write each of the North Carolina ones a letter alluding to the fact that I was up there at Junaluska with the group, you would be pretty apt to get most of them in as members of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. Here is a list of those who were present from North Carolina:

Boyce Bolick
56 22 Avenue, S. E.
Hickory

Otis Broadnax
Box 24
Leaksville

Roscoe Chance
New London

Harry H. Cox
3580 Clifton St
Spray

Rufus J. Dix
44 Church Street
Spray

Willard Lee Dowdle
913 Central Street
Paw Creek

Fred Frasier
Route 6, Box 720E
Charlotte

Preston Jones
RFD 4, Box 37C
Hickory

William R. Jones
608 Haire Street
Leaksville

Mamie Lee Kendrick
301 Kemp Street
Leaksville

Willie Logan
715 South 15th Street
Wilmington,

Leroy Smith
1256 Wendover Street
Albermarle

John C. Smith
Deleware Avenue
Draper

Earnest W. Teague
225 Winget Circle
Gastonia

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 19th)

September 20, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I spent the week of September 11-16 at a CIO Leadership Training School for the upper South held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. There were a number of CIO members from Virginia who were present. Most of them are officers of their local unions.

Not all of them by any means were taken with what I had to say, but they were all thoughtful people, active in their local communities. I believe that if you would write each of the Virginia ones a letter alluding to the fact that I was up there at Junaluska with the group, you would be pretty apt to get most of them in as members of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Here is a list of those who were present from Virginia.

Samuel E. Davis, Jr.
Box 202C Route 1
Madison Heights

Hannah M. Dedeian
2615 East Main Street
Richmond

Leslie T. Fleming
RFD Route 2, Box 36
Fredericksburg

Mildred L. Gayle
1317 Littlepage Street
Fredericksburg

J. S. Harris
5603 Netherwood Road
Richmond

William A. Lillard, Jr.
11 North Marshall Street
Front Royal

Iretha Minnis
1209 N. 26th St.
Richmond 23

George W. Pitts
3308 Montclair Road
Richmond

Glenn C. Pollay
913½ Hull Street
Richmond

Luther Porter
RFD 2, Box 439
Pourtsmouth

Ella Pridemore
2249 Aragen Street
Lynchburg

R. Spradlin
11 Wadsworth Street
Lynchburg

Frank Waller
1114 Brandon Road
Lynchburg

Ophelia Walker
900 Railroad Avenue
Suffolk

Dorothy Watford
308 Beech Street
Suffolk

Edward Willis
2221 West Grace
Richmond

Vivian E. Wyatt
Local 698 UPO-CIO
Richmond 23

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

(Dictated September 19th)

September 20, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I remember with interest and anticipation your plan to order about a six months back supply of issues of New South for various local industrial union councils in the Southern states.

Had a grand time at Junaluska and thought it quite a remarkable gathering. To my mind, the people came around pretty well towards the end.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 19th)

September 20, 1955

Mr. Harry Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

When I was in Junaluska, I fell again into conversation with an old friend, Boyd Payton, who is now Southern Director for Textile Workers Union, CIO, with offices at 110 West Sixth Street in Charlotte. Payton is an exceedingly fine fellow. Brought up in Cumberland, Maryland. Devoid of racial prejudice. Constructive and statesmanlike in his approach. It would be well for you to make his acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated September 19th)

September 20, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

It appears that in a memo of May 19th from me to Katherine Stoney, a statement is made that Tennessee should be required to raise four months of the usual $1800, or a total of $750.

This is a different figure from what we listed to the Executive Committee and to the Fund for the Republic. I assume that the arithmetic of $750 is correct and that we should hold to that figure.

The arithmetic is incorrect. Four months of $1800 is $600.

It is possible that the higher figure floated in as some effort to apply a pro rata money-raising task to the expenditures on behalf of Tennessee earlier in the year. Those expenditures were $867.54. Please advise me.

GSM/eab

cc: RA

September 20, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

Woods Beckman wrote in September 13th complaining that the Board of the Tennessee Council, in setting up its program in June, had calculated that they had $3500 available for consultants and their expenses. He complains that SRC now says that they cannot charge the expenses of the consultants to the $3500, but must pay it out of the money budgeted for office expenses.

Mitchell telephoned Hughes September 20th and learned the following: (1) It is acknowledged that they have really activated the consultants in only one area, namely eastern Tennessee; (2) the consultants in middle Tennessee are there only in name, and neither they nor the consultants in western Tennessee have done any work for which they should be paid.

Hughes understands that their quota is around $750. I stated that it would have to be at least $600 and preferably $750. He will use the forthcoming Fontana meeting of the Tennessee consultants to urge that the board members raise the money by or before September 30th. RA tells me that as of August 31st, Tennessee had raised $205. Hughes says that in September thus far they have taken in an additional $25.00 in members.

Mrs. Hamilton's memo of May 24th, based on Mitchell's memo of May 19th, undertook to spell out the Tennessee Council's operating money including proportions for clerical staff $1,907.

RA informs Mitchell September 20, 1955 that the total amount thus far forwarded to Tennessee for local expenses is the total of the following two items: (1) prior to June 1, 1955 $134.00; (2) June 1 to September 19th, $1,509.80, or a total of $1,643.80

As the sum promised as operating money was $1,907, they are due the difference between $1,907 and $1,643.80, or $263.20.

Hughes tells me that about that sum would safely cover the travel commitments for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Alexander is authorized to forward to the Tennessee Council that sum.

GSM/eab
cc: FBR

September 20, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

Our acting Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, and I have reviewed the matter of money raised by your letter of September 13th. I have also had the benefit of a telephone conversation with Hughes on the matter.

On May 24, 1955, Mrs. Hamilton informed me by memo that on the basis of my memo of May 19th, she had undertaken to supply operating money to the Tennessee Council in this fiscal year in the sum of $1,907. Prior to June 1, 1955, we had supplied $134.00 of this, and between June 1st and September 19th, $1,509.80, or a total of $1,643.80. The balance is $263.20. We are sending a check in that amount to Mr. Hughes. I believe this should about cover your travel commitments for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Perhaps some of the difficulty arises from the fact that your consultants' program has been principally active in one part of the state. The heavy use there of travel expenses brings into relief the "availability" of salary money budgeted for consultants in the other parts of the state.

I can see, however, that a problem on the sums available for travel is presented by the shift to the consultants basis from the more normal type of state programs. If you and Fred Routh will make recommendations on this along with Hughes and others in the state, we would like to fit the program in the coming fiscal year as nearly as possible to your needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Clarence Hughes

bc: RA
FBR

September 20, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

Observe that Beckman has a point here. We set up travel money appropriate for a director and a half-time associate director and put it into operating expenses. Now they go into a consultants deal. I see no reason to be sticky about allowing them to confuse operating money and salary money in the compensation available to consultants. But I would like agreement between you and Ruth Alexander and Tennessee on what should be done in the coming fiscal year.

GSM/eab
Encl. Beckman's ltr dtd 9/13/55

September 20, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

My cousin at Wake Forest paid off with this suggestion, which sounds good. I have written Machen as enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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WAKE FOREST COLLEGE
WAKE FOREST, NORTH CAROLINA
September 16, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

It was good to hear from you a few days ago. I trust we will have the opportunity of having you drop in to see us sometime during the fall. With respect to your point of special inquiry, I believe I have a suggestion to make.

Professor Ernest W. Machen, associate professor of law, expressed some real interest in the idea of preparing an article on the relationship of church and school. He would like to have further correspondence with you with respect to what you have in mind specifically. If you will write him in care of our School of Law, I believe something might be gotten under way.

Professor Machen is a very likeable and capable person. He was assistant director of the Institute of Government of North Carolina and associate research professor of Public Law and Government at Chapel Hill before coming to us. He has written more extensively, perhaps, than most men on the law faculty.

I trust that all goes well with you and your interesting family.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Allen
J. Allen Easley

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Encls. - ltr to Dr. Allen Easley 8/31/55
FFR ltr (Mr. Loescher) 8/22/55 to Mr. Yarmolinsky
Memo ~~xx~~ Yarmolinsky, Ferry, & Freeman - to R. L. Hunt 7/6/55
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ltr from R.L. Hunt 6/20/55 to David Freeman
ltr from Sheila Kislik 7/14/55 to Adam Yarmolinsky
Memo from Yarmolinsky to Frank Loescher 7/13/55
April, 1955 Phi Delta Kappan

September 20, 1955

Professor Ernest W. Machen
Wake Forest College
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Machen:

Allen Easley will have told you, I hope, that I wrote him about someone to do a study on Church and School. Allen says you would do it well if it should suit you to undertake it.

I send a bulky file about the matter. Pretty scrappy, but obviously the Fund for the Republic likes the idea of something being written and published in this field. In my judgment what that means is they would receive with attention an application for a fellowship grant that would enable you to take on and complete the job. I suppose that means making up your own budget, and telling them how many dollars and how many months it would take, and what kind of printment might be expected to result.

Maybe you are not at all interested, but maybe you could fit it in. It would certainly be a service to the country and to the South. If you are interested, I suggest you write to the Fund for the Republic, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, Attention Frank Loescher, and make a proposal. If it has no interest for you, and you can think of someone who might undertake it, I would be grateful for word from you.

When the file which I send has served its purpose with you you might be so good as to send it back to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Allen Easley
Encls.

bc: Mr. Frank Loescher

September 20, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

A good young guy teaching at Guilford is Ed Burrows. Did a thesis on the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. I wrote him and asked him how we got hold of honorable thesis, and he said about that, and then said:

> . . . I'm sure that by now you have heard of the goings on up here. In summary, a group of local citizens, appalled by the increasing signs that the state was totally opposed to any integration (Gov's speech, Patriots, etc.) wrote a letter to the local school committee and suggested that they thought it would be wise to accept Negroes if they applied, and that they would be willing to support the board if it took such action. This got to the papers, was greatly distorted, and stirred up considerable heat and some violence. The community has been in a state of shock now for over a week. Further, it has already been suggested that what has happened here is ample proof that nothing can possibly be done in N. C.
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> I'd like to suggest that some competent outsider be secured to make a complete analysis of what has happened here: study the community make-up, interview the signers of the letter and determine their backgrounds (especially birthplace), analyze the role of the press, especially the disparity between their headlines and editorials; go into the nature of the reaction, the leaders of it, the petition that was gotten up and the signatures on it; finally, make an attempt to relate other indirectly related incidents -- earlier bombing when Mrs. Roosevelt spoke, etc.
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> The entire picture here is already greatly distorted and I fear that it will be even more so in any attempt to use it as a weapon. There really should be some way to get a clear factual report of what did take place so that such knowledge can be used elsewhere. If you are not in any position to do this, rather have it done, can you suggest who might?

I told him you were the man to get a worry about it, and that I would pass it on to you. Maybe you could get something done there that would help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Edward F. Burrows

September 20, 1955

Mr. Lee Coleman
Dept. of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee;

We read with interest the newspaper reports on your comments made at the Kentucky School Board Association. The quotes read mighty well.

It is high time that we ran something in New South on the subject of Citizens Advisory Committees. I am very much hoping that you will be willing to do such an article for us. It should probably be pretty much along the lines of your remarks at last week's conference. Some obvious points are: the advantages of this approach in terms of process, sound principles of selection of Advisory Committee Members, proper interpretation to the community, dangers to be avoided, etc. Wherever specific precedents might be referred to, that would be most helpful, of course.

An optimum length would be about two thousand words, although they can be fairly flexible.

I know you have more to do already than you can manage. But this is a subject on which few other people are qualified to write, and an article on it would be uniquely useful at this time. I do hope that you will write me that you can turn out such an article within say, the next month.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF/ys

September 20, 1955

Mr. Mayes Behrman
The Inter-racial Commission
P. O. Box 4072
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Race in the News is clean out of print. I have dug out one precious file copy, which I LEND you. But the argument, and the main dope of the pamphlet are reprinted in Changing Patterns, which is available.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Race in the News
Promotion leaflet CPNS

September 20, 1955

Mr. Edward F. Burrows
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Ed:

We have ordered the thesis through the Atlanta public library, and in a week or so it should be in. We will read with much eagerness. Worry not; we are getting, will read, and do count as unimportant this interval. When a man is young and has things on his mind intervals come — the Lord knows I served my slavery to intervals.

I have sent to Harry S. Jones, who is the paid guy for the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, the relevant paragraphs from your letter, about the Guilford business. Hope he will act.

Lib's a honey, and her beau husband, but the Mitchells too seldom see them.

I praise your College.

Prosper, do good, and come see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 21, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Tough luck about Gatlinburg. The man must be less than persuaded.

Rufus Clement, consulted, says we might just meet again in Atlanta, at his Board Room, Friday, October 28th at 3:00 p.m., again that evening, and Saturday morning the 29th. So that's what we'll do for the Executive Committee meeting.

Remember that the Board meets at Tuskegee Institute for the one day of Wednesday, November 9th. Get there trainwise by using the station stop at Chehaw on the A and WP, and taxi two miles or so to Tuskegee Institute.

Thanks all the same for trying Gatlinburg. We must make that work some time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
bc: RA

September 21, 1955

Mr. B. E. Powell
Librarian
Duke University Library
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Powell:

We are sorry, too, that Miss Irving didn't get in the visit at a time when she could have conferred with you or staff people, but we plan to send her to Durham at some date between now and mid-December -- chosing a time when on word from you appropriate staff people will be on tap.

We consider the materials as predestined for the Duke Library, and are grateful for your willingness to accept them.

Miss Irving is presently indexing the materials and sorting them into reasonable order. She's a good librarian; I almost fear to send her into your orbit!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. I add a notelet on Lucy Mason. Still at a private sanitarium, not bedridden but at rest all but a little while each day, and her mind inconsecutive, but with flashes of many of the old interests. Some deep sympathy compels her to be alert to the civil rights of the inmates! And she shows in all her babble a persistent and gracious hospitality: her's the duty to entertain the visitor. Medical opinion is that she has only a few months more, and her friends say she has long been aflit, anyway.

GSM/eab
cc: HCF plus incoming of 9/17/55

September 21, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
800 Fourth Avenue
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Personnel Committee has approved your employment as Administrative Assistant to the Southern Regional Council, effective October 1, 1955, at a salary of $6,000.

All of us on the staff will welcome you in this important job.

Except by accident, few of us are in the office on Saturday morning, and therefore you ought to plan to report to work at 9:00 Monday morning, October 3rd. But you will be very welcome if you should get into Atlanta and to the office for earlier conversations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Wright
Mr. Clement
RA

September 21, 1955

Mr. Hugh A. Brinn
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Thanks for your letter about Irene Osborne.

Point about her is that she has had (unique) experience in organizing community support for unsegregated schools. She ISN'T an expert on school administration, integrated or unintegrated; and so it is taking her out of her skill to dump her into conversations with school board members or school superintendents. Not that you proposed this, but it is a natural thing for people to plan.

The question is, how best to use someone who can tell how the job was done in Washington; i. e., how the city was organized to wish the change.

I should think natural community leaders; your own board people, your consultants, NAACP officials, Urban League people, church leaders, and other such people are the ones through whom most good would come from what she knows.

Quite all right to move her around over the state, but not to see officials; only to see community leaders. And best if the leaders could be reasonably clumped; but she's game for legging it about.

I don't want to give undue emphasis to my point about school officials; she has no complex on them, and can talk reasonably and quite helpfully with them. But her metier is community organization.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: FER
CHP

September 21, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We have combined forces to prepare a definitive reply to your letter of September 20th to Harold Fleming.

According to the Secretary-Treasurer's books, the Louisiana Council on Human Relations had raised independently of any sum that it or the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations had on hand in March, 1954, $1,979.75. This includes the contributions made to you (other than those which were in the on-hand monies of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations prior to April 1, 1954), subscriptions to New South, dues paid to the Louisiana Council, sale of literature, etc.

As to the quota of what you should raise. Looking back on the history of the relationship, it seems to me that we expected the Louisiana Committee to proceed during the Summer months of 1954 with the money that they already had on hand in the treasury of the New Orleans Committee. At one time we heard that this was $1000; later it seems that it was only $800 which was available. You got started and you spent that money. We are willing to pick up the normal arrangement of subsidy to the Louisiana Council, effective not October 1, 1954 but effective September 1, 1954. That means, in effect, that what you spent out of your $800 or $1,000 prior to September 1, 1954 is not our particular concern.

It also means that the quota you should raise in the Southern Regional Council fiscal year, 1954-55, (ending September 30, 1955), is not $1800, but thirteen-twelfths of $1800, or $1,950. That you have already raised, or more so, so you are safe.

There remains the question of how SRC is to be compensated for the actual salary payments made to you during June, July, and August, 1954. These amounted to $1,275 with social security. Miss Stoney's letter of April 28, 1955, said that the four months of salary payments for you technically chargeable to the money the New Orleans Committee had on hand had for the sake of convenience been made from this office, and a corresponding sum would be deducted from the amount which would ordinarily be paid to the Louisiana Council for operating expense.

Your memorandum to us received in this office July 8, 1954, and headed "Financial Report of June, 1954," accounts for past or planned expenditures of the New Orleans Committee's $1000 in various "local operating expense" ways, including the equipping of your office with furniture and typewriter, etc. Thus, in effect, you drew from us a thousand less than you would have drawn. The difference between that sum and what was actually paid you as salary for the three months is $275, which we might regard as covered by the Louisiana Council's carrying its own clerical expense during September 1 - October 15, 1954. So we will call it even-steven.

By our reckoning, the Louisiana Council is not entitled to draw additional operating money from us, but the matter is open to a careful scrutiny of your and our records, which for the moment we aren't equipped to get done. Off-hand it looks as though we don't owe you more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA
FER

NOTE: Original ltr and copy of outgoing put into Exec. Com. file (mtg. Oct. 28-29).

September 21, 1955

Mr. Morris B. Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

We are grateful for the $100, but hard hit by your resigning both from the Executive Committee and from the Board.

The Board cannot take but a single day a year, and we do think you ought to stay on the Board.

Meanwhile, we are endlessly grateful for all the hours and hours of time and the brilliant thinking you have put into helping us solve our own and the South's problems. Never did any organization have a more devoted and effective friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $100

September 21, 1955

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Marion Wright sent us a copy of his version of the statement by the North Carolina State IUC.

Both Harold and I have read it and like it and agree with it in full and in detail.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: MAW

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 21, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

SUBJECT: CORRECTION ON MINUTES OF MAMMOTH CAVE MEETING, AUGUST 16-18, 1955.

On Page 9, the Minutes incorrectly give the amount each member of the Executive Committee hoped to give or get for SRC in this fiscal year as $1,000. Correct amount is $100.

GSM/eab

September 21, 1955

Mr. Robert R. Leeper
Associate Editor
Educational Leadership
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leeper:

Corrected proof herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 21, 1955

Mr. Gordon Lovejoy
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
P. O. Box 578
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

The project you write about is within the Southern Regional Council's field of interest, and at one time or another we may undertake something of a related nature. For the time being (events having proceeded no further than they have) what we foresee in the near future is a series of descriptive articles about desegregation when, as, and where it occurs; plus some complete re-do of Answers for Action in a way that will draw off the juice from the best of community experience and present it in popular summary.

I haven't heard of any other organization in this general field that is interested in doing the job you describe. My guess is that you people will find it quite a big and expensive job. But undoubtedly you would be helping the whole country if the job were done as a careful sociological analysis of what happens.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 21, 1955

Dr. Elinor Pancoast
Chairman of the Economics Department
Coucher College
Towson, Baltimore 4, Maryland

Dear Dr. Pancoast:

We have received the generous supply of "Desegregation in Baltimore City Schools," for which we are deeply grateful.

We are giving the pamphlet very careful distribution through the state councils on Human Relations affiliated with us in twelve southern states. In this way, we believe we can put them into the hands of interested and influential people who might not otherwise be reached.

Our sincere thanks to you and to the sponsoring agencies for this excellent program material.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/ys

Air Mail

September 22, 1955

The Gramercy Park Hotel
Gramercy Park,
New York

Attn: Reservations Clerk

Dear Sir:

Please reserve a single room with bath for the nights of September 27th and 28th for George S. Mitchell, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Mitchell will be arriving in New York at around 7:00 a.m. (your time) on Tuesday morning, September 27th.

I would appreciate receiving confirmation of this reservation, and word from you as to your check out time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Mr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

September 22, 1955

Mr. L. W. Armwood
1704 Academy Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Armwood:

I remember meeting you several years ago in Jacksonville, and of course I was interested when Bill Williams called with the information that you were available for a new job. Since then I have talked with Dr. Mitchell, and he confirmed my belief that none of the state organization affiliated with the Council have an opening at this time.

Neither of us knows of any other leads just now. Fred Routh will be back from vacation next week and I will ask him to write you about any possibilities that he may know of.

Your experience in the field of Human Relations should certainly make you a useful man. I hope that the right opportunity will turn up.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 22, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your thoughtful letter of September 19 has just arrived, and I want to draft an equally thoughtful reply within the next few days. Meanwhile I merely pass along the information, conveyed by Frank Loescher in a telephone call last week, that the Fund has apparently reached an agreement with Vanderbilt Law School in the matter of the Legal Reporting Service.

Also, a word or two on several other matters outstanding:

(1) With the assistance of the Emory University Law Library, John Constable found that the phrase "deliberate speed" is not treated in Words and Phrases. In the opinion of the library staff, the phrase appears to be a usage with no judicial history behind it.

(2) I received your telephone message from Jane when I got in last Wednesday night. I reached Harry Jones at a Durham Hotel and conveyed your suggestions to him. He since advised me that he spent sometime in Southern Pines the following day and found everything quiet. He conferred with the mayor and several local ministers and was reassured that local leadership had planned wisely to prevent the development of any incident. He said that the state group would continue to be in touch with the situation.

If a like situation should arise, I think it would be more efficient and perfectly proper for you to communicate directly with Harry Jones. As a member of the Council living in North Carolina, you will clearly be in a position to initiate suggestions to the State Executive Director. His telephone numbers are as follows:

Office: FRanklin 6-6833

Home: EDison 3-9155

Please understand that I am making this suggestion only in the interest of rapid communication in cases of emergency nature.

(3) Enclosed is a copy of your letter as carried in the Atlanta Daily World. (I sent it to the World and to the Norfolk Journal and Guide as well as several white dailies). I will send along any other printings that I can discover.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys
Enclosure-1

September 22, 1955

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I hear that SRC is to be supplied, in the fiscal year beginning October 1st, with the normally covenanted amount, and that our application for some extra money for doing more out of the Atlanta office has not succeeded. I am hoping we can still wangle a reallocation of a bit which would enable us to get you part-time as we discussed.

Can't know until I am back from New York October 3rd. Whereafter I will write you and write you more fully.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 22, 1955

Mr. Edwin T. Pratt
Community Organization Secretary
Branch-National Urban League
1020 McGee Street
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Thank you for your recent letter and abstract of your thesis which I have read with great interest. I have no doubt that the occasion will arise for us to consult the full text for important background information. Thus I am especially glad to have the Table of Contents.

We are always glad to receive articles suitable for publication in New South. As you probably know we are not in the position to pay, but can only point to the fact that New South reaches a select audience with more than passing influence on human relations developments. Since space is so limited we don't like for anyone to put in a lot of work on an article without some preliminary agreement on its usability.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 22, 1955

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
Executive Director
Mississippi Council on
Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Fred being on vacation, I chanced to see your letter to him dated September 10. I think you can safely assure anybody that the Ford Foundation has not given any money to the N.A.A.C.P.; nor do I believe that the Fund for the Republic has, as yet. Not a bad idea, they just haven't done it.

The clippings you have been sending are enormously helpful to us. I note in one of them that the Citizens Councils are about to launch a publication. What are the chances of our getting that through some indirect channel? I know you have been giving the matter some thought.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 22, 1955

Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Chief Counsel
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

On August 29, 1955, I wrote to Mr. Henry Lee Moon of your organization concerning the possibility of an article concerning the "costs incurred by Southern states and political subdivisions in defending civil rights suits." Mr. Moon referred me to you in the quest for information.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, president of the Council, suggests the article. He lists reasons as (a) the reluctance of nearly everybody to pay attorney fees and (b) the professional jealousy of attorneys resulting from seeing other members of the bar, usually politicians, pick up easy money out of the public trough. As Mr. Wright sees it, the article would include the names of attorneys, both private and public, representing defendants in such cases, and if possible actual or estimated fees paid.

We, here at the Council, realize that you are extremely busy at this particular period; but we would appreciate it if you will take time to give us your view of such an article. Also, we would like your suggestions as to the possible means of gathering such material. Would any of the material be available from the files of the NAACP? Mr. Moon seems to think that your staff might have information on this nature.

I would appreciate your thoughts on the matter.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations on the cover story in Time magazine.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

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Southern Regional Council 9/23/55

MISS DOROTHY MITCHELL
FUND FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION
575 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF SEEING COOMBS AND WEISS EVEN AT EIGHT A M REGARDS

HAROLD C. FLEMING

September 23, 1955

Mr. E. E. Smith, Jr.
Field Secretary
Negro Organization Society, Inc.
214 East Clay Street
Room 404
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for your letter of September 21st. I will be on hand November 11th at 7:30 p.m., at the church at Portsmouth to talk about "New Opportunities in Human Relations."

My arrangement with Mr. Cooper was that you would carry my travel expenses and an honorarium.

I would be in hopes that the Society could find $100 for the Southern Regional Council. But I am perfectly willing to come for a lesser sum, if only a lesser sum is in the coffers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

September 23, 1955

Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Director
Public Relations
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

This is to acknowledge your kind letter of September 20. We here at the Council appreciate your comments.

I have written to Mr. Marshall, and I hope he will be able to give us some concrete information which will aid in preparing the article mentioned.

Again thanking you for your letter. I will keep you posted of further developments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

September 23, 1955

Mr. L. H. Foster
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

Most kind of you to write.

I look forward to a meeting SRC is to have at the Institute November 9th, when there should be opportunity for us to be together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 23, 1955

Mrs. Tilly:

If you will give me a brief paragraph or two on the work of your part of the show during July, August and September, 1955, I can work it into the quarterly report which goes to the Fund for the Republic and to our SRC Board members.

eab/

cc: RA

September 23, 1955

Mr. Robert Weaver
The John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Weaver:

The Southern Regional Council requests the John Hay Whitney Foundation to make a grant to it for the calendar year 1956 for the work with church women, in the sum of $4,000.

The Foundation and its principals have been generous to us in the past, and so far as I recall we have always used your help for the work with the church women.

I have reported to Dr. Charles Johnson, in a letter of March 2, 1955, on a Southwide meeting of church women which Mrs. Tilly held in Atlanta, February 24 and 25, 1955. I enclose a couple of copies of a small mimeographed bulletin which resulted from that meeting and which Mrs. Tilly has called "Gleanings." The report has its choppy spots, but it obviously reflects the sincere purpose which the women had.

Mrs. Tilly has followed that meeting with similar gatherings of the women from each of six states:

South Carolina. A planning meeting only, of a dozen women from four denominations, the YWCA, and the State Council of Church Women. July.

Louisiana. Really a New Orleans meeting, though there were a few from up-state. Over 200 present, representing seventeen groups. June.

Alabama. About a hundred, from all over the state. The first time in the history of Alabama church women that the white and Negro women had met together.

Georgia. Two meetings, the second in September, an outgrowth of the first in May. The first one mainly got out the facts, and the second (a retreat) gave opportunity to to consider more deeply the religious implications.

Florida. Proceeding as this is written.

Mississippi. Four separate locality meetings. Spring of '55.

Mrs. Tilly travelled out to each meeting, but depended upon her state people to do the work of getting the meeting together.

Again, in each of these state meetings the women laid plans for action, within religious purpose, toward compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

Other such meetings should be held in Texas, North Carolina, and perhaps Tennessee and Arkansas. Also in 1956 each of the states in which meetings have been held this year should have their women called together again.

The Southern Regional Council has held to the view that the friendly link which it has so long had with the principal organizations of church women in the South ought not to be made to carry a high-powered and expensive program. The women in the local communities are moved by churchly conscience, and that is the precious thing. If we artfully substituted a pressure from outside, it would be resented and it would be far less effective than what now comes welling up from within the conscience of local people. In pursuit of that idea, we have been parsimonious not to say chinchy in what we have put into operation. The Fellowship of the Concerned, which, as you know, coordinates this effort, continues to be an organization without officers or staff. Mrs. Tilly receives a by no means magnificent salary from us. We have been affording her, if you please, for each of these state meetings, the noble sum of $200, and the reason for even that sum is that church women's organizations on a state or district basis have almost no money of which they can dispose on their own. Our little $200 goes into paying the travel expense of the women from over the state to some central point. Confront, if you please, the task of organising such a meeting in Texas on $200!

It has taken about a thousand dollars in each recent year for a single Southwide meeting -- the thousand dollars which the John Hay Whitney Foundation has so kindly made available. There should be more to enable state meetings to be held. If the John Hay Whitney Foundation could find us $4,000 next year, there would be enough for a Southwide meeting costing $1,000, and three thousand dollars toward the meetings that should be held in about ten Southern states in 1956. We can and will put in a little money from other sources ourselves.

No need to argue the importance at this juncture in the South of a firmer stand by people with religious convictions. Here is an arrangement which for years of history can produce, natively, considerable firming of the stand. I do greatly hope the Foundation, generous in the past, will care to increase its aid for this work in this critical year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 23, 1955

HCF:

What would you like to have in the forthcoming quarterly report on the subject of information service, research, New South, etc.?

eab/

September 23, 1955

FBR:

(1) How about those lists of Board members of the states? I promosed them in the end-of-June report, and now it's time for the end-of-September one. Please let's get that out and around. A copy should go to the Fund for the Republic, and to each person who received the (reworked) quarterly report, done as the report to the Board of SRC.

(2) In preparation for the up-coming report, will you give me boildowns on the various states? Would like to have by October 3rd.

eab/

September 23, 1955

RA:

I begin to get ready for a quarterly report September 30th to the Fund for the Republic and to our Board members.

It should, of course, have a finance report.

I suppose the main thing is the three-months' report for July, August, and September, and that you ask Mr. Campbell to save you time for getting that made.

We must have some duty to give overall figures for the 13 months of the Fund for the Republic grant. Will you check over the intervening quarterlies and see whether simple addition will give sufficient summary of that? People will be interested in what we have raised, and where it went, in board categories, and how much the Fund for the Republic put up as against what we raised.

eab/

September 23, 1955

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

At long last we have succeeded in getting a tape recording of one of Dr. Wells' speeches, this one delivered to the Rotary Club of Decatur, Georgia. Since it was made without benefit of a written text and in the presence of a live audience, it is somewhat less than a smooth and polished performance. And although the tape runs about thirty minutes, it could be edited down considerably, particularly at the beginning where there is quite a bit of introductory confusion.

In any case I sent it along for you to decide whether or not it is usable. If in your opinion or the opinion of your friends at the radio station it is not appropriate, perhaps we can work out something else.

I am sorry for this long delay, but it has taken time to work the matter out.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 23, 1955

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here is a piece of pleasant news. We have just received word from Frank Loescher at the Fund for the Republic that they would like to distribute fifty copies of your speech to the National Committee for the Rural Schools. They have asked us to secure your approval and the approval ofthe National Committee. I am writing Arthur Elder today.

Please let me know if the distribution will be satisfactory to you. In expectation of a favorable reply we are proceeding to mimeograph the copies requested, but we will not mail them until word has been received from you and Mr. Elder.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 23, 1955

Mr. Arthur A. Elder
International Ladies' Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Elder:

Last Spring, at your invitation I believe, Marion Wright spoke to the National Committee forthe Rural Schools. The Fund for the Republic is interested in distributing copies of Mr. Wright's speech to consultants and board members of the Fund. The Fund has asked us to get the necessary permission.

Could you obtain for me the permission of the National Committee for the Rural Schools?

I will be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 23, 1955

Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Director
Public Relations
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Henry:

Here we come again.

We want to run something in New South that our people can use effectively and properly represent the NAACP to their brain wash ed fellow southerners. I recall hearing about a transcript of a broadcast interview between Roy Wilkins and the man Debnam of North Carolina. Would this transcript and authorization to excerpt it be available from you? If not, have you any comparable "live" material that we might use?

Of course, we could simply do a straight factual piece on the NAACP, but I believe the kind of give and take represented by the broadcast would be more effective.

Sorry to bother you about this at such a busy time, but you are the guy that can help us.

I hope I don't have to wait for another Aaronsburg Meeting to see you again.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 26, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I find we have allowed to lapse our good and proper habit of sending you a monthly report on expenditures from the Field Foundation for New South. We will resume. Meanwhile, here is a summary thus far into 1955.

We allocated, of the $7,000 for this calendar year, $6,000 for printing costs of New South. We have spent thus far from the allocation $4,456.95, itemized as follows:

January	$ 700.00
February	455.79
March	562.90
April	417.28
May	416.36
June	482.58
July-August	422.04
Aug. 2nd printing of Changing Patterns in the New South	1,000.00
Total	$4,456.95

We have allocated for this calendar year $1,000 for postage and supplies. Of that we have spent, as of September 15th, $837.06.

A good $500 of the $1,000 devoted to a second printing of Changing Patterns will come back to us before December of this year. With that back-flow, and with the unspent amounts, we expect to get successfully through this calendar year.

I can report that the magazine grows in circulation, and at a gratifyingly speedy rate. Each of our twelve new state organizations is industriously getting new members, and each new member is ordinarily a subscriber to New South at $2.00 a year. In a good month this arrangement brings us in 300 new subscribers. The magazine already has nearly 4,000 paid subscribers, and we print and circulate 5,000 of each issue.

As to its content, you are a better judge than we. We think it quite a lot better than it was in the old guise. For one thing, we have been helped by the $10,000 grant from the Doris Duke Foundation for improving the flow of catalogued information to the Council, and that has made it possible for us to do the several serious articles on higher education and public parks and baseball. All our experience teaches that nothing is so effective in producing change as the evidence that change is already occurring in other parts of the South.

We feel new pride in putting out a little journal that has color and good printing and more space and a good deal more claim to being a month-by-month summary of progress in this field in the Southern states, and we could never do this without the sustaining help of the Field Foundation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York September 26, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am pleased to advise you that the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Republic has approved a grant of $150,000 to the Southern Regional Council, Inc. for the fiscal year October 1, 1955, to September 30, 1956, to support the expansion of the educational work of the Council in twelve southern states, and to strengthen the Central Office in Atlanta.

In our grant letter for the eighteen-month period April 1, 1954, to September 30, 1955, we stated that the grant had been made with the understanding that the Fund,

> "...will consider future grants, on a showing of program accomplishment and ability to raise funds from other sources, of not to exceed $150,000 for the period October 1, 1955 through September 30, 1956; and of not to exceed $110,000 for the period October 1, 1956, through September 30, 1957. This grant carries with it the stipulation that there will be no commitment or intention on the part of the Fund to support the program of the SRC after September 30, 1957."

The present grant is made on the same terms as our first grant. However, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and through you George Mitchell and his staff for the excellent progress made during the first year and a half of operation under the Council's expanded program. We appreciate the many difficulties that have confronted the Council in the past months, particularly in its successful endeavors to reorganize and staff the various state affiliates.

When the time comes for another appraisal of the operations of the Council by this Fund, we will, of course, want tc look very closely at the actual accomplishments of the state organizations. We hope that during the next twelve months all the state chapters will build a record of achievement of which this Fund and the Council can be proud.

We look forward to receiving from Mr. Mitchell the same type of excellent quarterly reports he has furnished us during the first eighteen months of our support, and such additional informal progress reports as he may wish to give us.

You are at liberty to publicize this grant should you desire to do so. We would appreciate, however, the opportunity of reviewing a draft of any news release before it is made available to the public.

We have on hand a copy of your tax-exempt ruling under IRC #101 (6) and your statement of February 5, 1954, that the Southern Regional Council has not departed from the terms of the ruling.

I am enclosing our check for $150,000.00 and would appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of this payment at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ David F. Freeman

David F. Freeman
Secretary

DFF/da

cc: George Mitchell

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September 26, 1955

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

I ask your pardon for not giving you earlier a reasonably detailed report of our progress under the much appreciated grant of $10,000 this year from the Doris Duke Foundation, to strengthen our flow of informational material. It has been only lately that we have completed the staff which the grant enabled us to take on, and therefore it is only in the last few weeks that we have reached peak activity in the program.

The first step in putting the program into effect was the employment in March 1955, of Mr. John Constable as Editorial Assistant. A youngish North Carolinian, who went through the high school at Winston Salem and on to Chapel Hill, from which he graduated in 1950. A graduate degree in journalism from the University of Georgia. Three years in the Navy. Worked a while on a county weekly in Georgia, and took a job with the Atlanta Constitution in 1952, where he worked until he joined us. He has been invaluable in the miscellaneous informational work of the Council, and in helping to get out the magazine.

Early this month we took on Miss Florence Irving as Research Assistant. Another North Carolinian. She went to high school in Raleigh and on to Spelman College in Atlanta, and then for a graduate degree in business administration at the University of Chicago. She held government jobs for three years, worked in private business and the Raleigh branch of the NAACP, and has taught at A. and T. College in Greensboro for the last five years. Has had a long association with the American Friends Service Committee in the North Carolina area, and abroad. Miss Irving is skilled in analysis of other people's research, which is a much used skill in this office. She is hard at work now, sorting, reorganizing, and cataloging our considerable body of reference materials (documents, books, periodicals, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings). The Library of Duke University has agreed that they will take over this collection at some unstated future date when the Council may be able to deposit it in this way. Miss Irving is to make a trip later on in the year to the Duke Library, with a view to setting up the files in a way adaptable to the system in use in that library.

Though we are only thus lately fully staffed in the information service, we have perforce drawn on an understaffed service for a great volume of fact. You can imagine that in these particular months in the South the Council's general staff has been called upon for any amount of field work, speechmaking, consultation with individuals and organizations, and contacts with the press. All of this is helpful in proportion as the staff persons are informed of the stage of progress reached elsewhere in the South and in the nation.

The Marshall Field Foundation gave us three years of support for the publication of New South, on a diminishing program of $7,000, $5,000 and $3,000, beginning with 1955. We send copies of this year's issues, and you can see that it has at least overcome the drabness of our years of austerity. The Doris Duke Foundation grant has helped us enormously in improving the content and editorial preparation of the magazine. Such major articles as the February one on higher education, the April one on parks, and the May one on baseball are obviously the result of careful study and analysis. The drawing together of soundly documented precedents for integration is a uniquely effective way of stimulating further change in the South. We got each issue of New South out to the apt public officials and others with a special interest or responsibility in the field dealt with. And it goes to the South's leading newspaper editors and to key persons chosen by our affiliated state organizations.

The information service is helpful to our developing state organizations. We have twelve of them at work now with paid staff. A few are more than a year old, but most are younger than that, and with new staff they need and use quite a lot of teaching and fact in how to get their own programs understood in the twelve states.

Again we do a thriving business in informing press people. We are habitually turned to by newspaper men and magazine writers for both facts and interpretation of the Southern scene. This is an unparalleled opportunity to get a constructive viewpoint before a mass audience. During 1955, the Assistant Director for Information and the Editorial Assistant have devoted many hours to this kind of briefing. The days and weeks immediately following the May 31st ruling of the Supreme Court were a time of particularly intensive work with the press. Obviously, the existence of up-to-date reference files and the availability of seasoned information staff are the keys to effective use of these opportunities.

Pretty much all of that part of the stream of foreign visitors to this country who have an interest in racial or Southern matters end up in this office. Files, materials, and informed staff are essential to meeting their needs.

One more service is getting out to our staff people and to the Board members and other interested persons a not inconsiderable flow of published materials. Some we buy in quantity, some are made available to us without purchase. It takes a nice judgment and no small amount of critical effort to get appropriate distribution of these documents and pamphlets reporting the experience of others in favor of desegregation.

Now for some fiscal accounting: The grant of $10,000 was made for the calendar year 1955. Internally we allocated $9,000 for salaries, $500 for books and subscriptions, and $500 for other expenses. As of September 30, 1955, we will have spent:

Salaries	$2,686.54	
Books and Subscriptions	362.66	
Equipment and Social Security	174.33	
Total		$3,223.53

Prospective balance as of October 1, $6,776.47.

Anticipated expenditures for the months of October, November, and December in this calendar year come to $2,442. This gives us a prospective carry-over into the calendar year 1956, of $4,334.47. At our present level of expenditures, which is about what we wish to maintain for the program, we are paying out a little more than $800 a month. The balance available in calendar year 1956 should therefore run us five months into that year, or through May.

The program ought, if at all possible, to be carried at least through the calendar year 1956. This continues to be a crisis period in the South and the Council would lose its rudder if it were not able to receive and classify the flow of fact and interpretation which the Doris Duke Foundation grant makes possible.

To carry it through the coming year (allowing modest and just salary increases for the principal persons employed in the program) would cost $7,200 over and above what will remain unspent in the fund January 2, 1956.

In short, you have given us the funds to carry the program through May 1956. We would like to run it forward through December 1956, and the additional expense of doing that is $7,200. We are quite aware that in making the original grant to us, the Doris Duke Foundation specifically did not commit itself to any further support for the project, but it is doing a useful job at a time when there is great need, and we earnestly hope that the Foundation will see its way clear to help us with it through 1956. (We are willing to undertake not to address ourselves to the Doris Duke Foundation for any further aid for this program after the coming calendar year.)

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. New South, Jan-Aug '55

cc: RA

September 26, 1955

Mrs. R. E. Tomlin
1815 Fifth Street, North
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. Tomlin:

It was a pleasant surprise to receive your letter this morning with a clipping enclosed. I am grateful to you for sending me the clipping so promptly. Your letter was very interesting to me.

I am glad you finally reached home. As it does take faith and courage all along the way, but it is a good, Samaritan towed you in.

I am so glad you sent me a picture of you at the harp. It is wonder to have you or someone like you to take the message to the school children of the state. Your song, "Peace River" still rings in my ears.

With best of wishes for you, and ~~in~~ with my deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

September 26, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

The Fund's Annual Report reminds me that we were the recipients in January, 1954, of a most helpful grant of $5,000 for the preparation and distribution of a summary of the book, The Negro and the Schools. I am further reminded that we have thus far not sent in to you any final summary report on that project.

The publication issued in July, 1954 as Answers for Action: Schools in the South, a thirty-two page pamphlet, with a map in colors. The contents did in fact report the main findings of the Ashmore book, and in addition gave a program of local community action toward implementation of the decision of the United States Supreme Court. The first printing was 20,000 copies. for which the printer billed us $2,919.40. The balance of the grant of $5,000 we regard as absorbed into editorial and distribution costs, plus the cost of our second printing.

The publication was so successful that by October, 1954, we had sold out all but a few hundred copies, and in the next month we reprinted 11,000 copies, (with a sharp improvement in the map and minor textual revisions). Thus the total printing cost of the two issues (making up 31,000 copies in all), was $4,735.44.

At this writing we are down to fewer than a thousand copies of the pamphlet, and it is still in some demand. We have no doubt that virtually all remaining copies will be sold.

As to distribution, the pamphlet went out to all subscribers to New South (about 4,000), to many hundreds of individual purchasers, and to a long list of organizations which bought it in quantity for distribution to their members. A sampling of these organizations is given in our quarterly report to the Fund for the Republic, for the quarter ending September 30, 1954. The list is impressive in the form there given, and it could be extended to include a large number of later group orders.

In summary, the grant neatly covered the editorial and printing costs of the publication, and got into an especially penetrating kind of circulation a notably temperate and factual statement of a workable course of action for Southern communities. And the ultimate popularity of the pamphlet enabled the Southern Regional Council to realize from sales income which probably exceeded $3,000.

So we are grateful all around; the South for some helpful guidance, the Council for the aid without which the guidance could not have been put out; and our budget for help in a time of much need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. List of purchasers of AFA as shown in SRC quarterly report 9/30/55.

cc: RA

Copy also in "Promotion - Answers for Action" file folder

September 26, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Many thanks for the check, which helps. And thanks, too, for checking into the 375 which should come -- we hope.

I will have to give less time next Summer to the schools, but I will do some of it, and there are other people that can carry much of the load.

Tell Judy all aboard for Scotland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1955

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I hasten to get to you a sketchy answer to your letter of September 22nd.

For a variety of reasons there seems nothing else to do but hold the late-starting states to the normal amount to be raised in the fiscal year which begins October 1, 1955. Part of the reason is that the Fund for the Republic will make us no grant after the one due October 1, 1956. Another part is that the same offer was made to our friends in all states: money to be available October 1, 1954 - September 30, 1955. Theoretically, therefore, each state had the chance to get moving early. I perfectly realize that Arkansas was ~~one~~ state in which we had only a reminder of organization anyway, still the broad offer was there for all states.

For the coming fiscal year we undertake to cover the salaries of a director and an associate director at $5,000 each, plus a clerk at $2500, or a total of $12,500; in addition to that we can allocate only $500 for local and other expenses. This is $2500 more than in Memo #1, page 3, as we are now in position to cover the full salary and not just the half salary of an associate for 1955-56. It is still the case that you will have to raise all of your travel and rent and supplies for local expense money, etc., over and above the $500 that we can put in for those purposes.

This letter is, however, tentative and unofficial. It will be followed by an official memo setting forth our contribution to each state for the coming year. And the terms of that memo should govern.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA
FBR

September 26, 1955

Mr. W. D. Weatherford
Far Horizons
Blue Ridge, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Weatherford:

Nice to have your letter.

We mimeographed the leading statements (as of last February). Here's a copy of that. Also we printed some earlier ones, which are enclosed, too.

The real collection is in a folio scrapbook which Mrs. Tilly has faithfully pasted up, and which included printed versions, newspaper accounts, or mimeographed documents from more than 30 denominational groups. Others, of course, keep coming in. If you have need of what may have been said by any particular group you are most welcome to have any friend you wish come in and copy off any part whatever of the whole book.

There is also available a booklet done in mimeograph in October, 1954 by the National Council of Churches, entitled "Denominational Statements with Reference to a Racially Inclusive Fellowship." If I can find one here (other than Mrs. Tilly's copy) I'll mail it to you; otherwise, of course, you can get one by writing Oscar Lee at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, and asking for one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. "The Churches Speak"
"Christian Conscience"
"The South and the Supreme Court Ruling May 31, 1955"
"Gleanings from Conference of FOC"

September 26, 1955

envelope addressed to P. O. Box 516 Gallatin, Tenn.

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
675 North Water Street
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I felt a stab of pain each time I sent out to you the follow-ups on the business of the hundred dollars. But it was an official act of the Executive Committee, and my job is to do what they say! So out the letters had to go.

You are mighty kind to send in your check. Ten dollar checks are hard to come by, and yours is deeply and fully appreciated!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC official receipt $10.00

September 26, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We will be getting out in a very few days an official budget letter, but I hasten to get you the not-final and only-informally-conferred-upon word, so as to have approximately the story for your meeting (to which, unfortunately, I can't come because I've promised to be in New York that day).

The resolution of the Executive Committee was "that any state which, at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rata quota would have its assistance cut off until it meets its first year and current requirements."

Yes, that means that we can issue no checks to you after October 1, 1955, until you shall have evidenced raising the $2800 in full. As soon as that is evidenced, we will send out the checks. Let's hope you can get it all together by October 15th, so that there would be no interruption. We will send out your checks as usual in time for October 1st.

We certainly did hope early in the game that we could add $500 to each top salary after October 1, 1955, and mentioned the hope in Memorandum #1, page 3. But arithmetic defeats us. We are obligated to provide each of twelve states with $10,500, which is $126,000, which is a thousand more than we will have for the purpose. We are obligated, also, to add to each state with an associate, $2,500 on top of the $10,500, and that we can do. But any rises in salaries must for the time being come out of state-raised money. Just possibly later on we could help; no promises, and small hopes.

Congratulations on all North Carolina has raised. I know it has been a tough job for you and for the Board people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA
FBR

September 26, 1955

Mr. Eugene Strelec
Personnel Officer
Welfare Department
County of Cuyahoga
2400 Payne Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Strelec:

Quite right; Mrs. Bertha Lee (Jones) Johnson did work for us from September, 1950 through September, 1951. As nearly as I can remember, she was a clerk-typist, and probably also did some general clerical work. She has a pleasant disposition, gets along well with the others in the office, behaves in every way as a lady, and is industrious and loyal. I remember no criticism of her on the score of promptness, malingering, or anything of the kind. We would be glad to get her back, and we recommend her cordially to the County or to any firm.

Ours is an office always "integrated," to make use of modern lingo, and she understood how to make such an arrangement pleasant and dignified for all concerned.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA

September 26, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Congress of Industrial Organizations
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Warmest thanks for the two from Fee and the two from Dan Powell. Each has been thanked.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1955

Mr. Thomas F. Fee
OCAW-CIO Representative
600½ Jefferson Street
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Fee:

We are deeply grateful for your good two dollars, which Paul Christopher sent in. We'll send you New South for a year, and we hope you will find time in a busy life to skim it, anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1955

Mr. Daniel A. Powell
CIO-PAC Representative
1041 Colonial Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Dan:

Amigo I am glad to have you as a regular reader of our maggie. Appreciation to you (and to Paul) for the good bucks.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Hugh Brinn
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

When Fred came back he and I consulted together. I called Mr. Tydings today and he does not wish to serve in a paid capacity for the Kentucky Council. It seems to both Fred and me wise that he not so serve.

I think, as Tydings thinks, that he can continue to be quite helpful to the Kentucky Council on the Board, or as Secretary-Treasurer.

I can see that you have got your work cut out for you running the show on a half-time basis. But I think you are the right man to do it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. W. H. Perry

bc: CHP
FBR

September 26, 1955

Miss L. S. Ashley
1611 Drake Street
Ocala, Florida

Dear Miss Ashley:

I was surprised to receive so quickly from you the attendance list and your sweet letter of thanks.

I would have written you sooner, but forthe difficulty I had in getting home. The train at Avon Park was an hour and a half late. The train from Jacksonville to Atlanta broke down at Jesup and then when we neared Atlanta a freight train had jumped the track ahead of us. Finally a Greyhound bus picked the passengers up and brought them to Atlanta, making my trip home twenty-four hours long.

You ought to feel wonderfully good over the splendid conference you had. Miss Mary Tomlin sent me the report from the St. Petersburg paper and I hope she sent one to you. I have certainly enjoyed working with you and send my love and thanks.

Sincerly yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

September 27, 1955

Dr. Paul Carpenter
250 Lake Ivanhoe Blvd.
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

We of the Southern Regional Council are very grateful to you for the splendid service you rendered at the Workshop of the Florida Women. Your message did much to make it possible for the women to be willing to face issues that are against the mores in which they live.

This is another request to ask of you and I realize it will take some of your time. Please, if you can possibly do so, give us three or four paragraphs from your two messages.

I would rather get this from you than to put in our reports the notes of our recorder. I am sure the women will be very grateful to you, if you can find the time to do this.

Deeply grateful, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

September 27, 1955

Mrs. Virginia Coffey
NAIRO Education Commission
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Virginia:

I thank you for your letter which I just got after returning to the office from vacation. We are getting this off air-mail so that you will have it by October 1st.

The title of my topic is "Changing Patterns in the South". If you have already sent in another title, that will be alright with me.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee.

Give my best regards to Marsh.

Best wishes,

Cordially,

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FRB/ys

September 27, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I have just returned from vacation and found your letter of September 20th on my desk. I am glad that you can use Irene Osborne at the scheduled time on her itinerary.

I will be pleased to come out on Monday, the 17th and stay to Tuesday or Wednesday. I will take the morning flight out from Atlanta. I will send you the details of this later.

Best personal regards to you and Chris.

Cordially,

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

September 27, 1955

Rev. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I have been away on vacation and just returned. I found your letter of the 16th on my desk regarding Irene Osborne. I am glad that her scheduled appearance in Virginia, early in January, meets with your approval.

We keep hearing good things about the Virginia Council from all sorts of people. Keep up the good work.

Best personal regards to you and Bill Cooper.

Cordially

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

September 27, 1955

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I have just returned from my vacation and found a letter from Mrs. Cates saying that you had entered the hospital and should be there for at least a week. Mrs. Alexander informed me that you are now back at your office. I hope this letter finds you in good health and you will not have a re-occurrence of ulcers upset.

Quit worrying about the Council and make the Board of Directors assume that responsibility.

Best regards to you and Barbara,

Cordially,

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

September 27, 1955

Mr. William K. Williams and
Mr. Howard D. Roberts
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill and Howard:

I just got back from my vacation and found your several letters on my desk. We are very much pleased in the Central Office with the way you two have moved ahead in attending to the office and starting to work on the problems of human relations in Florida.

Mrs. Tilly reports that you made a hit at the meeting of the church women. As you know this is a highly important group and their friendship and understanding should be cultivated.

Keep us informed of all developments and don't forget the monthly financial statement to Mrs. Alexander and the narrative report to me.

Best personal regards,

Cordially

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

September 27, 1955

Mrs. H. C. Davis
Puritan Apartment 152
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Davis:

It was good to hear from you, especially to receive the editorial from the Louisville paper. We are having some hard times in Georgia for our state administration organized, last Friday, a States Council patterned after the Mississippi Citizens Council. As you know the Citizens Council of Mississippi has brought murder in its wake--the Till child and two other people in different parts of the state.

I am glad to tell you that Dr. N. C. McPherson was not the one who fired Elizabeth Stinson from Weslayn College. Infact, he would have supported her had he been president at the time. Dr. McPherson left because he would not take dictation from Bibb Manufacturing Company. His brother-in-law is my minister now, and the whole family has broad social visions and stands.

Mr. Tilly has retired and has some trouble with Arthritis.

I would like to see Bill, Burg and their mother.

Love to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

27 September 1955

Mr. Paul Finner
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

On October 29, 1954, Dr. Mitchell wrote all state organization chairmen stating that the Southern Regional Council would require of each state organization a statement at the end of the fiscal year certifying that they had not engaged in political activity.

In compliance with the request, will you please fill in the enclosed memorandum, sign it, and mail it at your earliest convenience to Dr. Mitchell. These will be filed as part of the permanent record of the state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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27 September 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

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Frederick B. Routh
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27 September 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Reverend Hunter:

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Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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27 September 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband;

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Mr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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27 September 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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27 September 1955

Reverend G. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Reverend Clary:

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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27 September 1955

Mr. W. H. Perry
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

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Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

27 September 1955

Reverend Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Reverend D'Orlando:

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

28 September 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

28 September 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

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Sincerely,

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28 September 1955

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Rev. Brooke:

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Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

September 28, 1955

Reverend John E. Pickens
Box 1056
Avon Park, Florida

Dear Reverend Pickens:

It was wonderful this morning to receive my missing notes from the postman. I appreciated your sending them to me. I am enclosing postage to cover the mailing charges. Going to the trouble to send them to me was in keeping with all the many things you did for us while we were at the Lodge. I think I told you that you are the best host I've ever had.

Your kindness and courtesies did much to make our work worthwhile.

Deeply grateful to you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/ys
Enclosure

September 28, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter with the information on the Mobile Baptist Association and the several questions which you raised.

I have shown Fred your letter and he has been searching for Mr. Madison's address. He will send it along, if he can find it.

There are precious few examples of human relation councils in the South. About a year ago, an Emory sociologist named Earl Brewer did a study and lengthy report for us on the question of official human relation agencies in this country. I believe at one time you were given a section of this report, mineographed. I am sending you a full copy of his manuscript with the request that you return it reasonably soon. Most of the material in print on the subject deals with non-southern experience. But if you need specific information of that sort, we will be glad to look further for you.

By all means go ahead with the article on the Marengo County meeting. I don't think the time element is important for this kind of article, and I would like to run something from you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 28, 1955

Professor A. Lee Coleman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

Thanks for the summary from the Courier-Journal. It is an interesting job of interpretation.

Naturally, I would like to pin you down to a definite commitment on the article, particularly since we are going to have to run something on the subject before too much longer. But of course I understand your problem of finding time to do it. Would it help to think in terms of something less than a new, full-blown treatment? I am thinking that you might be able to pull together the main points from speeches or notes that you have on hand. If you felt that additional editorial work was necessary, we could make a try at it and submit the final product for your approval or revision.

I don't want to press you unduly, but the subject is a very important and timely one and I know of nobody else who is equipped to deal with it as you are.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 28, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

We were pleased by the decision to distribute Marion Wright's speech to Board members and consultants of the Fund. We have corrected the earlier stencils, have secured Marion Wright's permission, and are waiting to hear from the committee for Rural Schools. As soon as we get their answer, we will mail the copies to Edward Reed. More if you need them.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

September 28, 1955

Dr. Henry Ehlers
Professor of Philosophy
University of Minnesota
Duluth Branch
Duluth 5, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Ehlers:

Your letter having arrived just as Dr. Mitchell was leaving the city, he has asked me to write you. We have not seen a copy of your anthology "Crucial Issues in Education", and should like very much to have a copy. It should be sent to Dr. Mitchell at this address.

We are happy that our material was deemed suitable for inclusion and will look forward with interest to seeing the book.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

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Southern Regional Council 9/29/55

W. E. Solomon
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, S. C.

SINCE FRED ROUTH AND C. H. PARRISH OF SRC staff are to be in Nashville THIS WEEKEND THEY WILL MEET WITH YOUR GROUP. HOPE THIS SUBSTITUTION SATISFACTORY.

HAROLD C. FLEMING